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PALESTINE MOBS IN UNIFORM

British Armory Near Tel-Aviv Stormed

China Re-Bases Her Navy

Changes in the disposition of China's Navy in South China waters were reported in messages from Canton last night.

China's Fourth Naval Base Headquarters in moving from Yulin Harbour (Hainan Island) to Canton to be close to President Chiang Kai-shek's Headquarters in South China and to the Kwantung Provincial Government.

The Whampoa Navy Patrol Defence Bureau will move from Canton to Yulin Harbour.

The new naval dispositions become effective on New Year's Day.

The new naval movements are reported to be part of China's overall plan for dealing with Communists and organised smuggling.

Chiang To Visit Sth. China?

President Chiang Kai-shek is scheduled to visit South China in March, according to the Wah Kiu Yat Po yesterday quoting reliable local banking circles close to the Chinese Government.

The report added that the sources forecast an important change in the China situation within the next three months which will include an extermination campaign against the Chinese Communists and the strengthening of the National Government.

President Chiang, continued the report, will shortly issue an important Proclamation in which he will announce the decentralization of certain Central Government powers to be taken over by the individual provincial Government.

CHINA TOLD U.S. "WILL BACK MOVE FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM"

Peking, Dec. 29.

U.S. Ambassador Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, in a "message to the Chinese people," said today if the forward elements in China press on toward democratic reforms "American aid could help in this time of emergency both by inspiring new hopes and by supplying technical advisers and certain forms of material assistance."

Dr. Stuart delivered his message in an address before his former Yenching University Journalism students, issuing an authorised summary to guard against misquotations.

In the summary he told the students there was a "good chance" Congress approving a "programme" that seemed to insure any money given would be used for the purposes it is intended.

He said the State Department was preparing to present such a programme to Congress next month, but "it is too early now to say anything more definite."

Dr. Stuart said "I pointed out a constitution is now put into effect but many people doubted whether it could be anything more than a paper constitution. That seemed to me to depend upon the people of the country. A great mass of these is not interested and is chiefly concerned with their daily livelihood, but intellectuals, non-partisans, liberals and most of all journalists should stand for both the rights and duties of citizenship in the Republic."

He said the Government alone could not make the constitution effective. Much reform was needed, he said, but with "freedom of speech, the press and assembly and with properly carried out elections the people can, by democratic processes, bring about reforms which many within the government itself are anxious to see effected."

"The American government and people want precisely what the Chinese desire for their country—unity, peace, economic recovery, and a truly democratic government—and this combination holds out hopes, if heartily undertaken, for all concerned."

Dr. Stuart said "under these conditions American aid could help in this time of emergency, adding that a 'good deal of sympathy for China' exists throughout the United States—United Press.

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Bitter Clash At Damascus Gate

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

A uniformed force stormed the British armory at Tel Litvinsky camp near Tel-Aviv today. One British soldier was killed and two wounded.

The attackers, believed by the police to be members of the Jewish underground, fled with nearly 100 weapons and 3,000 rounds of ammunition. The attacking force wore steel helmets.

The force gained entrance to the British camp by cutting barbed wire barricades. The attackers then laid down a heavy fire.

Tel Litvinsky is a former American Army rest camp near Lydda airport.

In Jerusalem a grenade was thrown at the back door of Barclay's Bank, injuring one Jewish employee seriously and three others slightly.

Snipers in the Arab and Jewish quarters of the old city started an exchange of fire this morning. There were no casualties.

At Rosh Pina, near the Syrian border, a Transjordan Frontier Force convoy was attacked by a group of unidentified persons.

One Arab trooper was killed and another wounded.

At The Gate

At least 12 Arabs, two British constables and one Jew were killed in a clash at Jerusalem's historic Damascus Gate after Jews hurled grenades and sprayed an Arab bus with machine-gun bullets.

The clash began with the grenade and machine-gun attack by occupants of a Jewish taxi.

Two carloads of Arabs then gave chase and overhauled the taxi in about a mile. The Arabs killed one Jew and wounded another, then brought the taxi back to the gate and set it afire.

An unconfirmed report said one of the Jewish attackers at the Damascus Gate was shot and killed by the police. The others escaped but their car was captured.

An Arab Government physician, Dr. Mikhail Maaluf, was

killed by Jewish attackers in all-Arab Bethlehem, apparently in retaliation for the Jewish doctor killed in nearby Bet Safafa yesterday.

Clearing-Up

Meanwhile, the British administration is under fire from both Arabs and Jews, each accusing the security forces of "taking sides."

Senior officers of the administration and security chiefs of both the Police and Army will thrash out at Jerusalem conference tomorrow the whole question of safe-guarding the highways of Palestine, it was learned authoritatively yesterday.

Arab and Jewish newspapers today accused the administration of "branches of neutrality."

The Jews coupled their bitter criticism of the administration's failure to protect the main Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem highway—said to be virtually in the hands of a handful of Arab snipers—with a protest against the disarming of squads of Hagannah, Jewish defence organisation detailed to guard Jewish convoys.

The Arabs complained that the British were discriminating by providing armoured escorts for Jewish convoys while leaving Arab vehicles in Jewish areas unprotected.

King Abdullah of Transjordan has asked Tawfiq Pasha Abu El-Hudri to form the new Cabinet after the resignation of Rafai Pasha, the Prime Minister, the British controlled Near East-Arab broadcasting station in Jerusalem stated last night—Associated Press United Press and Reuter.

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Damascus Gate Background



Here is a little background to the Damascus Gate clash reported today. It shows the result of an earlier clash.

An Arab Policeman shouts for an Ambulance as he carries a critically wounded young girl struck by shrapnel from a Jewish "Rivet" bomb, which killed six persons, at Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, Dec. 13.

Earlier Arabs had set a Jewish store (near the Central Police Bilet) afire, but no casualties were inflicted. —A Radio Photo.

Kunming Hunt For Radium

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

The French Consulate-General in Kunming has organised a search for a consignment of 104 milligrams of radium, which was lost when the Belgian four-motored airliner crashed there last Monday.

At the same time, it has offered a reward of CN\$20 million for recovery of the cargo, which was contained in a lead-lined box and destined for the Sino-Belgian Radium Institute in Shanghai—Reuter.

HOLIDAY BY I.O.U. BARRED

London, Dec. 29.

The Government stepped in today to prevent Britons enjoying "pay-you-later" vacations abroad.

British vacationists have been arriving in Switzerland alone at the rate of 100 a week despite the Government's ban on either taking or spending money abroad for pleasure.

It is understood that most had arranged to give hotel proprietors "IOU's" to be honoured when the currency restrictions are relaxed.

A Treasury official said: "Any credit scheme where a bill is to be paid when present restrictions are relaxed is illegal."

Detective Chief Inspector Wilfred Tarr of Scotland Yard is expected to visit Switzerland soon to investigate "IOU's."

His visits to Franco and Switzerland earlier this year resulted in scores of prosecutions.—United Press.

Marriage In The Mass Is Popular

Five couples, staff members of the China Book Company, were married at a mass marriage ceremony on Sunday at the Xing King Restaurant.

Commercial Press staff members will hold their first mass marriage on Jan. 4 when nine couples will be married.

Scotland Yard To Keep After Jewish Killers

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.

After British withdrawal from the Holy Land, Britain's Scotland Yard will continue the search for Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang gunmen and terrorist leaders responsible for murders of British policemen and soldiers.

Secret files, "wanted posters," and fingerprints of suspects held in steel fireproof safes in the C.I.D.'s grey stone headquarters in Jerusalem are now being duplicated. One set will be handed over to Scotland Yard; the originals will be left to the United Nations Commission who will supervise the establishment of the new

Jewish and Arab security forces.

"We intend to utilise all the advantages of International Law to get at the killers of British men," a senior police officer told me. "From the Yard we will continue to watch the movements of men we suspect."

Many of them, from Palestine are at present in Paris and Rome, favourite hiding places. We know who they are. Correspondent.

Warplanes Mass To Meet Mukden Push

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

Chinese Government warplanes went into action in a big way in the past 24 hours as the Chinese Communist converging movement on Mukden made further headway in face of bitter Government opposition, says Reuter.

According to latest Chinese press reports, Government air squadrons operating in relays were engaged in night-long bombing and strafing in support of their ground forces battling against Communist mobile units in the outskirts of the city.

One of these units is said to have penetrated to less than ten miles from the north-west before being discovered and annihilated.

Though strict press censorship was imposed on December 26, in Mukden, a reliable source in Nanking this afternoon told Reuter that Communist air planes were also used for the first time in Manchuria yesterday, in the vicinity of Mukden, where fierce fighting has been raging in the past three days.

However, the Ministry of National Defence and Headquarters of the Chinese Air Force in Nanking have received no reports. General Chou Chih Jou, Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force, refused to confirm or deny the reports and would not comment.

Mukden's half-million population were kept awake most of the night by the din of numerous little battles fought in the outer perimeter.

Even the sound of rifle fire is now plainly audible in the city. Meanwhile, despite sub-zero temperature and heavy snowfall, a seemingly unending stream of refugees, each carrying their belongings in bundles is pouring into Mukden from all directions.

In Hopei Province, the Communist commander has thrown four divisions into an all-out offensive against Government headquarters along the three main railways in North China, according to an official announcement issued by Nanking's High Command.

A severe battle is at present raging about ten miles north of Peking, provincial capital of Hopei, with the latter's garrison locked in a desperate struggle with a force of some 80,000 Communists.

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BANKING BILL HANDED TO SELECT COMMITTEE

Need For More Clarification Urged

The Banking Bill, which calls for the licensing of all banks and banking business in the Colony, and restricts their operation to companies, was referred for further consideration by a Select Committee after it passed its second reading at Legislative Council yesterday.

The step was taken on the motion of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who suggested that the definitions "bank" and "banking business" required clarification.

He also questioned the necessity of restricting banks and banking business to companies only.

Mr. Lo said: "There are one or two points which deserve further consideration."

"There is the question of the definition of the terms 'bank' and 'banking business.'"

"As at present worded, these definitions may possibly include businesses which it is not the object of this Bill to include, whilst on the other hand they might possibly let out some businesses which it is the object of this Bill to include."

"Vital Point"

"Clause 3 raises a very important and fundamental point."

"It seems to me to be a matter for serious consideration, for further consideration, as to whether the object of this Bill cannot be attained without resorting to the revolutionary expedient of declaring as a matter of statute law that banking business can be carried on only by incorporated companies."

"There may be one or two other points which require or deserve further consideration."

"I respectfully submit for Your Excellency's consideration whether in all circumstances you should not think it right before proceeding to the Committee stage of this Bill to refer it to the consideration of such a committee of this Council as Your Excellency may think most appropriate."

Endorsement

Endorsing the motion, the Attorney General (Mr. J. B. Griffin) said:

"The honourable member has characteristically put his finger on the most fundamental portions of the Bill."

"The problems have in fact received already most serious thought and consideration."

"The definitions are probably the best that can be evolved to meet the objectives in future."

It is also right the legislation, if it passes, should require restriction of banking business in the future to companies.

"But I see nothing but advantage in further consideration of this Bill; and I do not oppose—in fact I support—the proposal."

The Bill was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Committee

The following members of Council were named by the Governor to form the Select Committee to give further consideration to the Bill:—

The Attorney General (Chairman), the Financial Secretary, Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. R. D. Gillespie.

Hopes Fade For Victims Of Kina Wreck

Manila, Dec. 29.

The agents of the Asiatic Line today said 24 survivors of the "Kina" sinking were taken by tug to Masbate, 230 miles southeast of Manila, and will be flown here tomorrow.

No trace of the missing persons was found today, and it was planned to discontinue the air search tomorrow.

Five survivors in the Santo Tomas Hospital here were responding well to treatment and were reported in good condition—Associated Press.

TOLL OF RUIN FROM TYPHOON "JEAN" GROWS LARGER

Delayed reports from provinces lashed by Typhoon Jean brought the overall death toll due to the storm to 20 and indicated damage to property was much above the previous overall estimate of US\$5,000,000.

The town of Mauban in the province of Quezon (formerly Tayabas) was one of the worst sufferers, with an earthquake and tidal wave coinciding with the typhoon.

No loss of life was reported from Mauban, but 80 per cent of the houses were demolished, making thousands homeless.

A portion of the seawall protecting the town from the Pacific Ocean was swept away.

Many other towns in Quezon province reported heavy damage, particularly to houses and crops.

The Governor of Quezon (Andres Umail) reported that 85 per cent of the houses in the principal towns had been destroyed.

The Governor said the Province needed US\$2,500,000 to recover.

The Province of Albay in Southeastern Luzon was one of the hardest hit.

The Albay Governor (Venancio Ziga) reported that the typhoon was their worst in 40 years.

Motor Bus Service To Resume

A number of new conductors and drivers have been recruited by the China Motor-bus Company, which expects to resume the city's bus service as soon as the men have completed their training and passed the necessary driving tests.

With these men, the company hopes to resume running buses to terminal not served by trams such as the routes to the University, Repulse Bay, Stanley and Aberdeen.

Legislative Council Bills

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Bill is designed to afford the Bank same facility as is accorded to companies registered under the Companies Ordinance to issue new share certificates to replace certificates lost during the war.

Bills which passed the second and third reading at the same session were:

Deaths Registration (Special Registers Ordinance), 1947, to empower the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths to open new Registers of Deaths to replace those lost during the war.

Police Force (Retirement of Officers Ordinance) 1947, to provide for payment of pensions and gratuities to Police officers who have elected to retire under circumstances which otherwise would not entitle them to such pensions and gratuities.

Protected Places (Safety) (Amendment) Ordinance 1947.

Before Council rose, and adjourned to Jan. 14, the Governor wished all members a Happy New Year.

The Weather

The intense anti-cyclone centred over Mongolia continues to dominate east Asia and all the neighbouring seas.

A deep depression over the Kuriels is moving north-east.

Forecast:—Moderate: east-northeast wind, fine, cold.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum 65.3 deg. Fah. Minimum 53.3 deg. Fah. Rainfall: 0.0 in. Total since Jan. 1—280.0 mm.—112.2 in. as against an average of 218.4 mm.—86.1 in. Rainfall at:—

Baro. at sea level:—1025.4 1026.1 in. Hg. Humidity:—60.7 60.30 in. Dew Point:—44 45 deg. F. Wind:—Variable, 10 to 40 m.p.h. Wind Force:—10 1 knots.

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IS KREMLIN USING MANCHURIA

In Paris STAND-OVER MAN RULED BY TERROR

Typhus Fever Spreading In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 29. SCAP warned today that the incidence of typhus fever has been gradually increasing throughout Japan during the current month with scattered cases reported from 11 prefectures.

Dr. Charles M. Wheeler, chief of SCAP's typhus control branch, advised the public these are the dangerous months, November to May, and urged every possible preventive measure to be taken.

The largest number of cases was reported in the Osaka area. It was reported, however, that the present rates were lower than many previous years. — United Press.

This Is The Story Of Li Ping

This is the story of Li Ping, Ward Boy, Medical Department, who has just been awarded the B.E.M.

Li Ping has had over 40 years' service in the Medical Department.

During the siege he stuck to his post amidst great danger.

Immediately after the surrender, and for a year or so until the Japanese Medical Department re-opened the hospital, he barricaded the buildings single-handed, and kept the looters away night and day.

He had to allow the Japanese themselves to take away what they wanted; but were it not for him the whole of the buildings would have been one strip of wood remaining.

He had to witness, as the days dragged on, the loss of his wife from starvation, and then the disappearance of his young son, while he himself was swollen in the face and feet from avitaminosis.

He kept boarding and nailing up every shutter and window that the looters had prised open the night before. By his perseverance and devotion the whole of the Sai Ying Pun blocks of buildings were preserved intact.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Dr. K. W. Chan \$500, Sports Stable Account \$280, Committee Members of Po Leung Kuei (Mrs. Li Tsun Lung \$100, Mr. Kan Chiu Nam \$50, Mr. Ma Tse Shou \$25, Mr. Li Kam Sang \$25) — \$200, The Ho Hong Co. (China) Ltd. \$200, Mr. Lee Yuen Bun \$100, Messrs. S. W. Lee & Co. Ltd. \$100, "G.E." and "W.H." \$50, Mr. J. I. Harris \$50, Katie Archie \$50, In Memory of Mrs. White (Mrs. E. E. Best) \$50, Mrs. E. Green & Dede \$100 — \$15, Po Sun On \$10, Total \$3,527, 226/60.

"HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WERE STARING"

"Hundreds of people were staring at us. Everything was in confusion," Mrs. F. X. d'Almada told Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when describing an incident in which she was being harassed by a man near Queen's Theatre at 8.10 p.m. on Sunday.

In the dock the accused culprit, European-dressed Yu Tai-sam (30) of No. 570 Queen's Road, West, pleaded not guilty.

At the request of the prosecution, the Shanghai-born man was remanded in police custody for 48 hours.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Antiochian Portuguese do Socorro "Mutua" was held at the Club Lusitano yesterday when the retiring president (Mr. J. M. Noronha) presided.

Election of the committee then proceeded.

The following were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. U. M. Correa (President), Mr. M. Simoes (Vice President), Mr. C. E. Xavier (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. G. Barros (Hon. Treasurer), Messrs. L. B. Gomes, D. F. Lopes, L. F. Ribeiro, E. V. Ribeiro, A. E. Gomes, A. F. Silva Netto, E. d'Assumpcao and J. F. Almeida (Committee).

AS A TEST? Hollington Tong Keeps Silent

Nanking, Dec. 29. The Government's official spokesman, Hollington Tong, had no comment today on the statement of the Government General Hsu Chi-ming in Peking that the Soviets were supplying light arms, signal equipment and advisors to the Communist armies in China.

Mr. Tong, who is usually outspoken on the question of the Soviet aid to the Chinese Reds, declined also to speculate whether the claims by Hsu, Chief of Staff of the Generalissimo's Peking Headquarters, that it might be a prelude to a formal test by Moscow of Soviet-aided rebellion against China's Nationalist Government.

There are two schools of thought among high Chinese officialdom — one asserting that the Russians were guilty of physical as well as moral assistance in the Chinese Communists, the other insisting there was no proof yet found that the Communists were using Soviet-made arms and equipment to fight Chiang Kai-shek's troops.

"No Evidence"

In the latter category, there are many field commanders such as Sun Lien and Wang Yao-wu, who say their troops have been unable to produce concrete evidence of Soviet participation on the side of the Communists.

Neutral observers in Nanking, however, said they were convinced that the Communist high command was receiving expert instruction on overall strategic civil war from "some sources" experienced in large-scale warfare.

They doubted that this aid extended to supplying any substantial amount of arms and equipment.

These observers point out that the Communists have little need for arms and equipment because of the air of the Japanese windfall which they received in Manchuria.

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USED HUSBAND'S SEASON TICKET

Wong Ying, married woman, of 21 Stafford Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong, was fined \$25 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when she admitted having used her husband's Star Ferry season ticket on Sunday.

Inspector J. Orem said that accused entered the first-class waiting room by the "Season Ticket" entrance. When asked by Ticket Inspector Hurlow to produce her ticket she did so.

On being checked, the ticket was found to have been issued to one Siu Kam-hing whom accused, on being questioned, admitted was her husband. The owner of the ticket was in Canton.

PICKPOCKETING CASE

Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday fixed 11.30 a.m. on Jan. 13, 1948, for hearing of the case in which Chan Chik-man (33) and Au-Ying-wing (25) are being charged in connection with a pocket-picking incident on board the "Meridian Star" on Dec. 20.

First accused faces the charge of picking the pocket of Wong Ping and stealing \$93.40 on board the launch at 6.10 p.m. and second defendant of receiving the money.

Bail in the sum of \$1,000 was fixed for Chan (who will be represented by Mr. Marcus da Silva), and \$2,000 for Au.

Personalia

Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, and Mrs. Soong returned to Canton by air yesterday after spending the Xmas holiday in Hong Kong.

The forthcoming wedding have been announced: Ernest Iten, missionary, Bard Mission, Taipei Road, Shamsing, to Rosmarie Sheuren, en route to Hong Kong by a.s. "Empire Brent".

Thomas Issar, merchant, 2 Sing Ping Street, Happy Valley, to Julia Maria da Roza.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals: — E. M. Ingle and Jack Kaufman.

Peninsula departures: — J. R. Tucker, F. P. Spinks, Mrs. R. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Joubert, J. J. Sullivan, D. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, F. H. Webb, T. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. A. Marshall, Fred Larkin and M. A. Oakes.

The following arrived from the United Kingdom on Sunday by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat: Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hazell and Mr. H. Capsick. Arrived the aircraft were Mrs. Hayat, Miss F. Hayat, Miss M. Hayat, Mrs. Cummings (from Calcutta), Mr. T. D. Sherrard (from Rangoon), Mr. C. A. Scherer, Mr. How Tack-hoon, and Mr. Lester Shui Hong-to (from Bangkok).

Passengers by C.P.A. plane to Manila included F. Quinsay, H.W.W. Huffman, Mrs. Holbrook and J. G. Darley.

A Chinese dinner celebrating the inauguration of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Nursing Division was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night.

Among those present were Mr. Arcull, Commissioner of the Brigade, Mrs. Holm-Brown, the Secretary, Honorary Adviser Mr. Chan Wing Pak, Messrs. Ho Kan Po, Wan Yek-Pun, Cheung Yan Shung, Miss Lucy Tang and others.

A Watch-Night Service will be held at St. Andrew's Church tomorrow (New Year's Eve) beginning at 11.30 p.m.

STOKER IN COURT

"I should like you to take a serious view of this case as there is a lot of trouble outside the Solitaires and Sailors' Home in Hennessy Road," said Inspector A. S. Fleming at Central Magistracy when he prosecuted Stoker H. Phillips of H.M.S. "Adamant" who appeared on charges of disorderly conduct and assault of a watchman, Lui Lam.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges. W/O R.C. Twine said that defendant had a very good service record.

Mr. d'Almada agreed with Insp. Fleming and fined him \$15 for disorderly conduct and cautioned him on the assault charge.

LOITERERS

Found in the stairways of No. 37, Queen's Road, Central in the early morning hours of Boxing Day, Yu Kai-kuok (32) unemployed, and Yung Yun (34) unemployed, were charged at Central Magistracy yesterday with loitering with intent and possessing an instrument fit for unlawful purposes.

DSI Waldron prosecuted. A 24-hour remand in police custody was granted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Yu, who is charged on the first count, pleaded not guilty, saying that he did not know second defendant, who faces two counts.

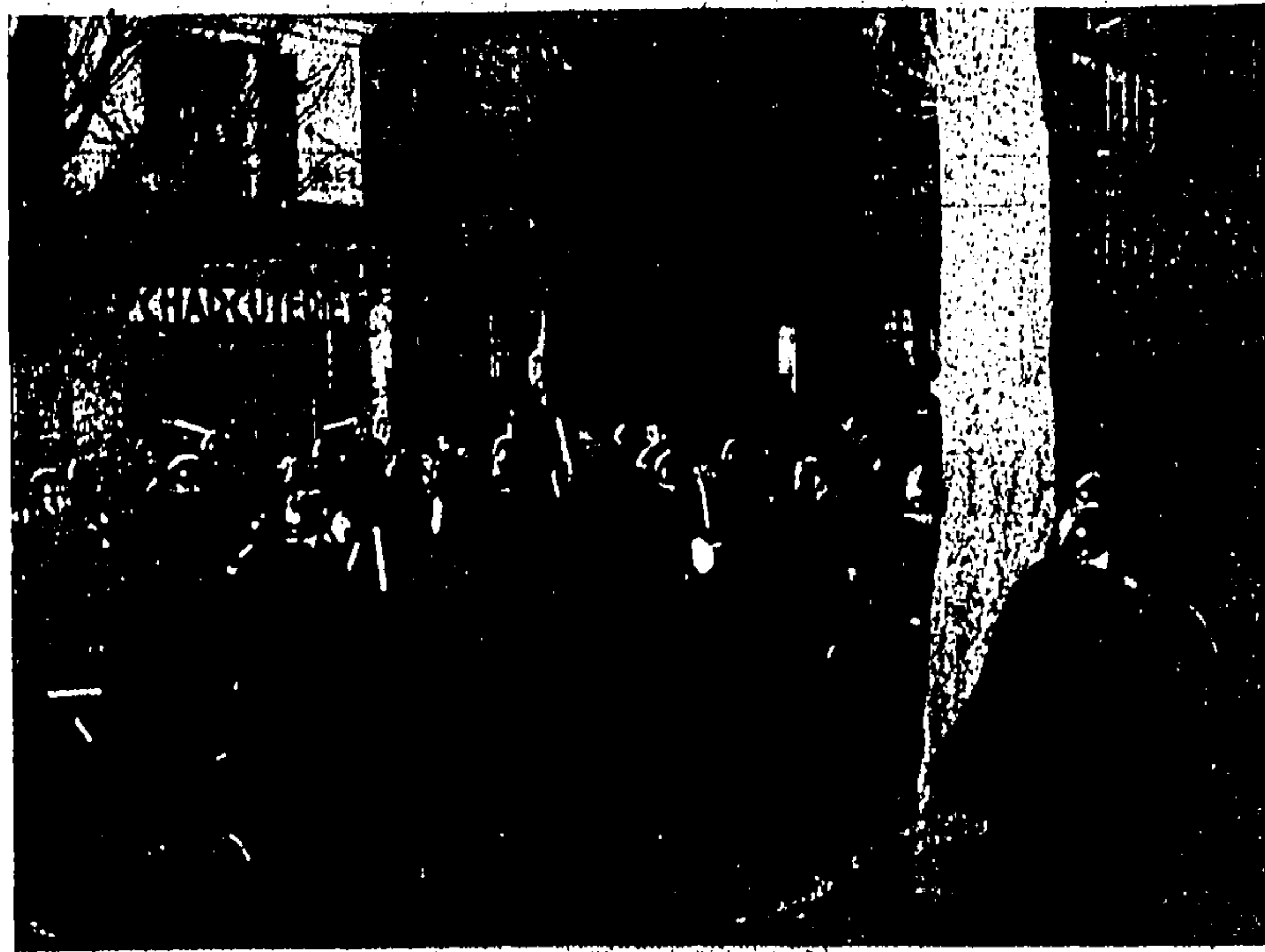
Yung said he had just arrived from Canton. When arrested he was carrying a skeleton key.

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French Communists protested violently in the National Assembly yesterday against the Government's suppression of the Communist Party's gallie ration, says United Press. The Communist Deputies hurled a string of epithets including "lar assassin and de Gaulle's doorman" at Minister of Interior Jules Moch who had issued the order. Moch and Communist Deputy Fernand Grenier appeared almost at the point of physical fight as they hurled insults at each other across the Chamber. The uproar died down as suddenly as it began but it is still simmering. Here is one of the first outbreaks. Police men swinging Nightsticks chase strikers in suburban Paris. — A Photo.

Judgment Given For Admiralty In Tenancy Case

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulse Judge) yesterday in favour of the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom (plaintiffs) in an action for possession.

The premises in question are at 89.01 and 93 Lockhart Road, second and third floors. Defendants were William Bine-lieto, Ngai Kweng-chong, Uaf Ebrahimi, Yip Lai-nam, Laynard Joff Town, Lam Tak-wing, Wong Sul-tan and Poon Ping-leung.

Mr. Justice Gould also made an order for means profits and for possession of the premises by Jan. 31, 1948.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings and Co. appeared for the plaintiffs, while defendants were represented by Mr. J. T. Prior, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

In the course of his judgment Mr. Justice Gould said that the general and well-known rule was that the Crown was not bound by any statute unless it was directly or by necessary implication referred to.

"The Crown, as stated in Halsbury, means not only the King personally, but also the officers of state and servants of the Crown when acting within the scope of their authority on behalf of the Crown in the discharge of executive duties whether in the United Kingdom or anywhere within the British Dominions."

Still Time For A Peaceful Solution

Washington, Dec. 28. The United States should go ahead with plans for helping Europe regardless of a "Soviet campaign of calumny and blistering abuse," Francis B. Sayre, President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, urged today.

Sayre also advised the world that Soviet plotting against human freedom "constitutes the world with a major peril."

Among other dangers he listed the threat of the atomic bomb and "the deadly danger of our own complacency and self-seeking."

Nevertheless, he said, in spite of its provocative words and acts, the Soviet Union is not now prepared to wage war with any first class power. He asserted "there is still breathing time" to seek peaceful solutions. — Associated Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Baby's Body Found In Playground

"Murder by a person or persons unknown" was the verdict of a Coroner's jury at Central Magistracy yesterday in an inquest, with Mr. F. X. d'Almada sitting as coroner, on the death of a newly-born baby in Wanchai.

Mr. d'Almada concurred with the finding.

Dr. Gould said death was due to asphyxia.

DSI Cole said that the body of the strangled child was found at about 8.30 a.m. by Wong Sing, a Sanitary Department constable inside a playground in O'Brien Road, Wanchai.

Some old clothing was lying beside it.

The circumstances surrounding the death had not been determined and the mother of the deceased could not be found.

WARPLANES MASS TO MEET MUKDEN PUSH

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In response to a SOS, Government reinforcements are speeding down the railway from Peking in order to attack the Communists from the rear. Although both the Peiping-Mukden and Peiping-Suiyuan railways, numerous acts of sabotage were reported.

Communist raiding columns are reported to have re-appeared on the north bank of the Yangtze, some 40 miles west of Kiangling, threatening to interrupt navigation on this vital waterway linking the eastern seaboard with the rich and densely populated Yangtze basin.

Protest

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's present trip to Hankow is believed to be connected with this new threat to the Yangtze.

Meanwhile, Washington reports that the Soviet Union has protested to the United States that "American planes from Japan have violated the boundaries of the neighbouring Kuril Islands, now under Russian control."

Diplomatic authorities said that this was the latest of a series of such charges, and involved only local issues which could normally be settled on the spot.

The United States would await a report from the army department before replying.

Blackmailer And Informer In One

"He terrorised keepers of opium dens and brothels, using the name of the Police and in that name demanded money," Det-Inspector W. N. Darkin told Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when Cheung Chai, police informer employed by Superintendent Haig-Brown, appeared on 26 counts of demanding money with menaces.

Convicted on seven counts, an old woman, nicknamed "Fnyap, Yee," borrowed \$50 to pay Cheung, who had asked \$100. Her divan was raided a month later and an employee fined.

Li Sze-kun had to pawn her ring to get only \$39 to pay Cheung instead of the \$100 demanded. Her divan at an unnumbered hut near Jardines Hill was also raided later.

Ko Nam was asked \$80 as season money. He paid \$20. Tam Chuen paid Cheung \$30 for several months. Tao Cheung, who said he gave up smoking voluntarily because he heard the government regulations governing opium smoking were getting stricter, paid Cheung \$20.

Chan Siu, who told the court that he gave up smoking because of his wife's nagging, paid defendant \$50 on two occasions.

Defendant, it was stated, turned that privilege to his own good account. He demanded regular payments from keepers of dens and brothels on threat of police action against them.

Reminders Today

China Underwriters, Ltd., annual meeting, 4a, Des Voeux Rd., Central, 12 noon.

Rotary Club, screening of colour film of New York by Rotarian N.J. Perrie, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Investiture at Government House, 9.45 a.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra, St. John's Cathedral Hall, Garden Rd., 8 p.m.

British Military Hospital, Smokers' Concert for Staff, Social & S. Dance, Sergeant's Mess.

Crown Land Sale, New Territories Land Office, Ping Shan, 11 a.m.

Coming Events Tomorrow

A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd., annual meeting, H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.

"Watch-Night Service, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m."

POLICEMAN STAMPEDED CROWD INTO HARBOUR

When eager spectators crowding the Frys Wall near the Western Market to look at a smoking junk being towed ashore "stampeded" at the approach of a Police officer, a number fell into the harbour yesterday afternoon.

Fortunately, the "victims" could swim. No one was reported injured.

The occupants of a junk lying alongside the cargo boat, which was unloading raw cotton bales into the river steamer, "Kwang Tung," were burning joss sticks and firing crackers.

Suddenly, smoke was seen issuing from the cargo boat and by the time a motor boat, which rushed to the scene, had towed the "burning" vessel, it was enveloped in smoke.

The Fire Brigade turned out a fire appliance from Central and a fire float under Station Office C.W. Brown.

The fire itself was under control within a few minutes.

The 2,000-pecul vessel, Cargo Boat No. 884V, had 300 bales of raw cotton on board but half had been unloaded when the fire started.

It is owned by Chan Wing-tok.

Six other fires were reported yesterday throughout the colony.

One 20-year-old Chinese female was burned to death at Shaiti (Shai) American plane from Japan have violated the boundaries of the neighbouring Kuril Islands, now under Russian control.

Diplomatic authorities said that this was the latest of a series of such charges, and involved only local issues which could normally be settled on the spot.

The United States would await a report from the army department before replying.

Two chimney fires were reported. Damage was slight and no one was injured. One was at No. 55 Queen's Road West, and the other at No. 334 Nathan Road.

Grass fires were reported at Aberdeen near the Aberdeen Industrial School, the area involving being 100 by 300 feet and near Government House at Alphonse Road, which was 10 square feet in area.

PEN FRIENDS

Miss Cella (22) and Miss Stella Wilder (20), of 61, Connaught Road, Bow, London, E. 5, are anxious to get into touch with young people in Hong Kong as pen friends.

Policeman Made Coolie Very Nervy

Leung Leung, 40, coolie, was walking along the railway track at 7.05 a.m. on Saturday when he saw a constable following him near the Hotel's Ward.

He got nervy and jumped on to a carriage which was being shunted.

The constable did likewise and took Leung into custody.

In Court yesterday, Leung told Mr. Latimer that he was carrying a parcel, containing cigarettes, which he wanted to hand to a friend on the train.

He denied trespassing at the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and also the charge of boarding a train while it was in motion, "an act likely to endanger his own life."

After Inspector J. Orem had told the Court what happened, Leung was fined \$25 on each charge.

STOLE CAMERA AT FOOTBALL GROUNDS

"You are definitely undesirable in the Colony and you should be severely punished so I will imprison you for two months with hard labour and recommend you for banishment to Canton," said Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday when Leung Pak appeared on a charge of larceny of a camera, the property of Miss G. E. Jones of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road.

Insp. Willerton prosecuted, said that defendant stole the camera at the football grounds. He chased Leung and caught him in Canal Road.

Accused pleaded guilty. He said he was a hawker and his capital had run out so he was trying to make a little money to support his aged mother who was too old to work. He asked Mr. d'Almada to take a lenient view.

POLICE METHODS AT IDENTITY PARADE QUERIED

Allegations of irregularities during an identification parade were made yesterday by Wan Kichu, Lu Wah, Wan Nam alias Chau Man, Yu Lam, Tsoi Yuen-shun and Ip Chan, before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), at the Criminal Sessions on two counts of armed robbery at Jardine's Hill on Oct. 12.

The accused alleged that they were placed on parade handcuffed and with their hands behind their backs and had their hands well combed. Accused also alleged that the interpreter interfered with witnesses.

The accusations were refuted by the prosecution witnesses as well as by Chief Inspector McCahy, who was in charge of the parade. Inspector McCahy testified regarding the procedure adopted and said that all who took part were dressed alike and that there were no outstanding features or characteristics which distinguished the accused from the others.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. E. H. Sainsbury, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. McPherson.

No Evidence

Lau Wai-to, who was original charged together with the above accused, was yesterday discharged by Mr. Justice Gould after Mr. Sainsbury, Crown Counsel, had informed that no Crown evidence was offered in evidence.

On the first count, the accused were alleged to have held up and robbed Ko Wai-hung, a wrist watch and \$30. Ko Wai-hung, a wrist watch, a gold ring, a gold finger ring, it was also alleged that the accused were armed with knives.

Some 10 minutes later, Wan Wing, who was pleading on the hillside above Tai Hang with his sister, Wong Po-ling, Kwok Kit-fung and two children, was approached by six or seven men, armed with knives.

"Stabbed"
Wing Wing was robbed of a wrist watch, two Parker pens, \$10 and a gold finger ring. When he offered resistance, he was alleged to have been stabbed twice by first accused. The wound were not serious, but Wong Wing was admitted to hospital for treatment.

The first accused was arrested in Vancouver later in the day and was found in possession of a gold finger ring. He subsequently took the Police to different addresses, where the other accused were located and arrested. Hearing will be resumed today.

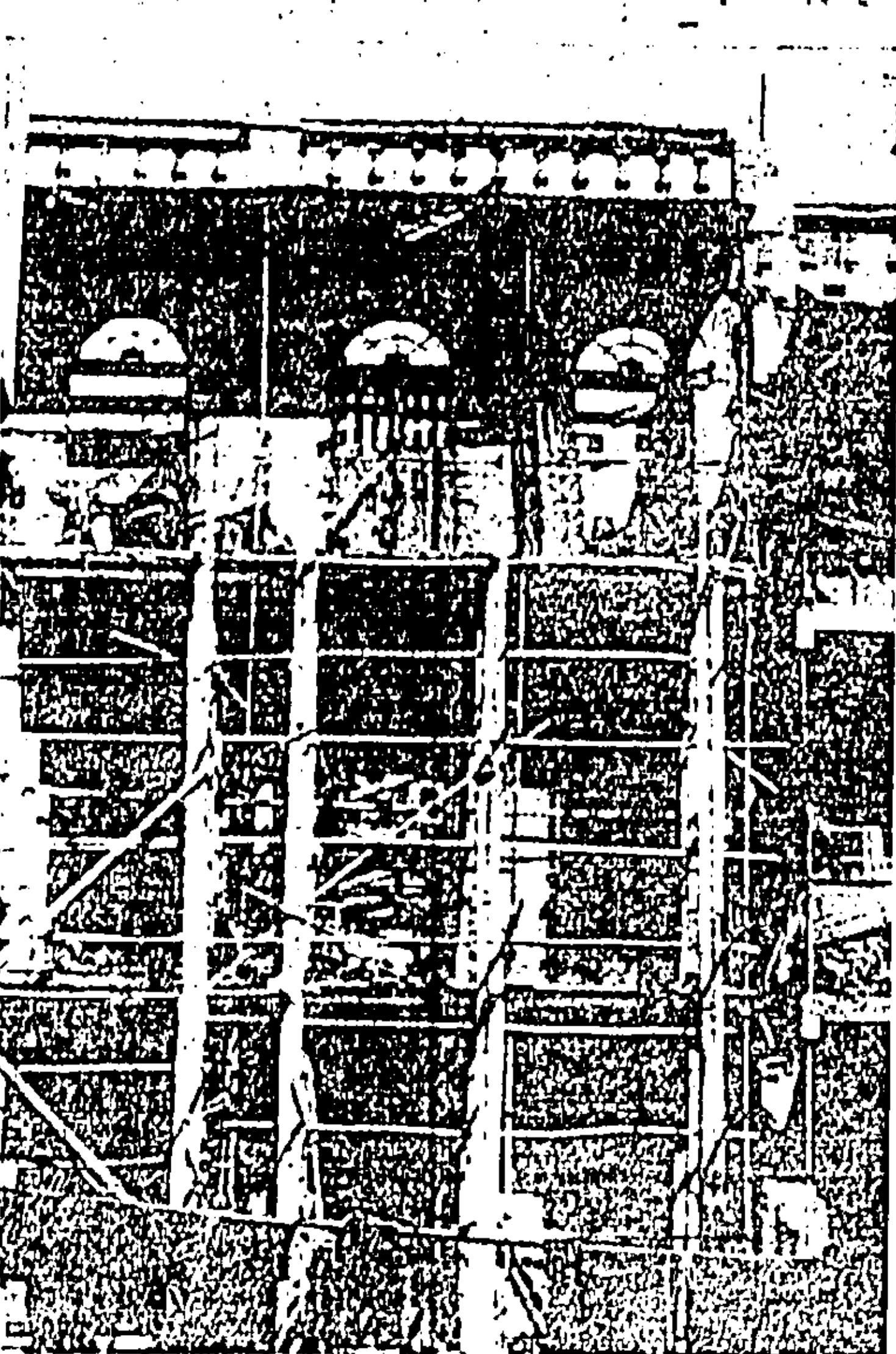
Sabotage Theory Sinking

THE HAGUE, DEC. 29. TEN BODIES OF MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE NORWEGIAN SHIP SECHOHLG WHICH SANK AFTER AN EXPLOSION ON CHRISTMAS DAY WERE WASHED ASHORE ON THE DUTCH COAST TONIGHT.

Identification of the bodies was going on and the body of the woman vessel whose yesterday was believed to be that of the wife of the ship's chief engineer.

The only survivor of the 23 men on board, 21-year-old Rand Rolden of Trondheim, was washed up in a lifeboat with a dead companion near Camperdown 12 hours after ship sank. An investigation into the cause of the disaster has been started by the Dutch marine authorities. It was thought that the ship might have struck a mine but sabotage, while considered improbable, was not excluded.—Reuter.

Out Of The Ashes



Here is a tragic scene by a China Mail photographer. The Hollywood Road fire on Xmas night cremated 20 bodies. Photo shows scaffolding erected to support weakened structure of the ill-fated tenement houses whose roofs were entirely burned down.

A Free Frenchman Goes On Ahead

One of Hong Kong's most popular French residents Mr. J. B. E. R. Egal, who organised the Free French Movement in Shanghai after France capitulated to Germany in 1940, died at the French Convent Hospital yesterday morning. He had undergone an operation on a kidney.

Mr. Egal was 52 years old. He leaves a widow in France and two sons, one in Hong Kong, to mourn his loss.

Mass for the deceased will be said at St. Joseph's Church at 8.30 a.m. today. The funeral will take place at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. Egal fought in World War I. He was responsible for organising the War Veterans Association in Shanghai where he also served for a period as Headmaster of the French Municipal School.

When France surrendered to Germany in 1940, he immediately supported General de Gaulle and organised the Free French Movement in the Chinese city.

He was detained by the French and sent to Indo-China for trial.

Through the intervention of a Third Power, he was released and came to Hong Kong.

Volunteer

When Japan attacked Hong Kong, Mr. Egal joined the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and was granted a commission as Captain.

Tientsin Seamen Go On Protest Strike

Tientsin, Dec. 29. Shipping in Tientsin was tied up for the third day today by a strike of seamen and pilots staged in protest of the action of Youth Army soldiers who machine-gunned a China Merchants vessel after a junk carrying soldiers was turned over by the ship's wake.

Eleven ships were tied up by the Seamen's Union which demanded that the soldiers be punished, claiming they "stubbornly" refused to change the junk's course after the ship, p.s. Chao Jen, blew an alarm blast.

The mayor is mediating in the dispute.

The Union said, after opening fire with rifles and machine-guns, the soldiers hauled the ship's captain and officers into the barracks, stripped them and

Silly idea!



Someone's run off with my wife!

BURMA STANDS ON EVE OF FULL FREEDOM

Rangoon, Dec. 29.

The Constitution which will govern more than 14,500,000 citizens of free Burma will go into effect at 5 a.m. Burma time on Jan. 4—Burmese Independence Day.

This was officially announced today.

This hand of pagodas, jewels and rice terraces will receive full independence from the British, who are withdrawing all their military forces save a few officers who will remain to complete turning military tasks over to the regular Burmese army.

Today's announcement said the Burmese Constituent Assembly will meet immediately after the Burmese flag replaces the Union Jack over Government House at daybreak. The Assembly will be dissolved at 5.30 a.m., then meet five hours later as the legally constituted Parliament of a free Burma.

Debate

At its first session Parliament will debate the terms of a treaty under which the British gain the right to maintain military training missions in Burma.

The treaty also provides for the transfer of 37 small naval vessels to Burma and the cancelling of \$15,000,000 in Burmese debts to Britain. The Burmese agreed to negotiate a trade pact with Britain.

Saw Shwe Thaik, provisional President of the Burmese Republic, will read the formal proclamation to the Assembly making the Constitution operative.—Associated Press.

Theatre Manager Gets Off

SHANGHAI, DEC. 29. A THEATRICAL MANAGER MR. CHANG CHUN-FAN, WAS ACQUITTED AT THE DISTRICT COURT YESTERDAY MORNING OF CHARGES OF FAILING TO TAKE PROPER STEPS TO PREVENT THE SUICIDE OF HIS COMMON LAW WIFE, SHIAO TAN-KWEL WHO, PRIOR TO HER DEATH, WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SHIAO SHING OPERA STARS.

Following pronouncement of judgment, the judge stated that, in accordance with the law, Chang was not guilty of the charges.

The Prosecutor had contended that Chang had known beforehand that his wife was going to take her own life and had failed to stop her.

The trial aroused considerable interest among local Chinese opera lovers who fought for admission into court during the previous hearings and caused such a commotion that the sessions had to be postponed.—Reuter.

FORGOTTEN MEN APPEAL

Rangoon, Dec. 28.

A delegation of the forgotten men of Burma called last night on Mr. Thakur N. B. the Burmese Premier, to ask for assistance in their pensions.

It was understood that the Premier promised sympathetic consideration of their petition. The Head of the Royal House of Thibaw is the 70-year-old Prince of Pyawm, a nephew of King Thibaw, last of the rulers of Mandalay, who died in exile in India.—Reuter.

OLD CHINA HAND KILLED

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 28. Injuries received in a traffic accident on Christmas Eve proved fatal to Major Charles A. Cashin, 43, who had spent a number of years in the Orient.

Cashin was Public Information Officer of the Eighth Air Force and veteran of 37 bombing missions over Japan. He formerly was employed by the China Press in Shanghai. He was editor of the Bangkok Daily Mail in Siam at one time.—Associated Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 2.15 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.15, 4.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. (B.K.T.).

12.15 p.m.—Studio: Religious Talk to Children.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Jack Simpson (Xylophone) and His Sextet and The Andrews Sisters.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Eric Coates: The Three Men Suite, Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—From the Shows "Tyrone".

2.00 p.m.—Globe Down.

3.00 p.m.—Studio: Anniversary Half Hour presented by Melita Jacks.

3.30 p.m.—Variety.

4.00 p.m.—Studio: "See You" on Sport.

4.30 p.m.—London Relay: "World and Home News".

7.15 p.m.—Studio: Set Fall at the Piano.

7.35 p.m.—Studio: Stage and Screen Favorites presented by Aileen Woodcock.

8.05 p.m.—Mozart: Concerto No. 2 in G Major, Xuhui Monubin (Violin) and Symphony Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The London Radio Orchestra".

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—Studio: A Play—The Daily Duckling by A.A. Milne, A Hong Kong Stage Club Production, Produced by Philip Burns.

9.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Serenade to the Stars".

10.00 p.m.—Studio: "Hollywood".

10.15 p.m.—"Fantasy" and Dance Music (Repeat).

11.00 p.m.—Jazz.

HOURS OF BUSINESS DURING NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1948.

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All Branches—9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Note:—Windsor House sales from Annex only.

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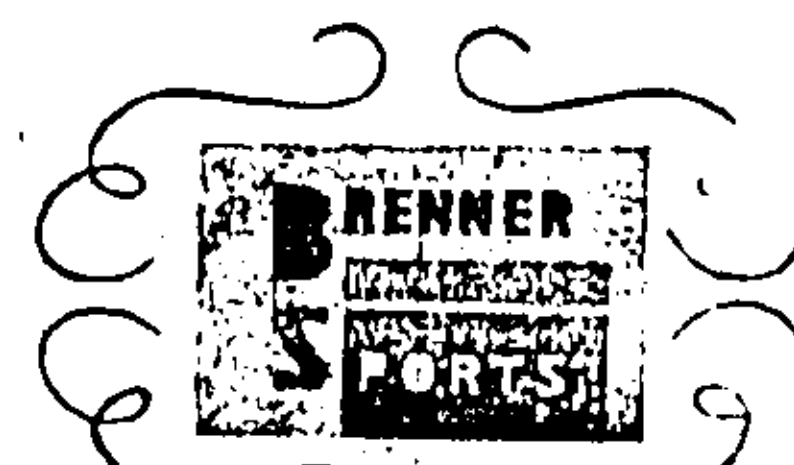
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London, Dec. 29.

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Since the British Government fixed its export targets—many of which manufacturers claim were out of touch with reality—most markets have completely collapsed.

Almost every country except America, South Africa and Switzerland has introduced import restrictions which have hit our manufacturers hard.

And the countries with no import restrictions—the hard currency areas to which Britain is looking for dollars—are becoming "choosy".

Already Government departments have begun to revise their targets. Special targets are being revised by Sir Stafford Cripps himself.

And Mr. H.A. Marquand, Britain's No. 1 travelling salesman, will try to force the overseas market open with a visit to South America.

The whole matter is to be brought up in Parliament, and Sir Stafford will be asked to state which targets will be reduced, when they will be announced, whether the targets were fixed and whether they will be a result in future.

A representative of a large export firm told me: "The whole world is cutting down imports; especially the countries inside the Empire. Britain must negotiate with foreign Ministers of Commerce and find out what exactly can now be exported."

"The Government attitude is that raw materials must only go to firms contributing to the export drive. But it is their responsibility to find the market for us."

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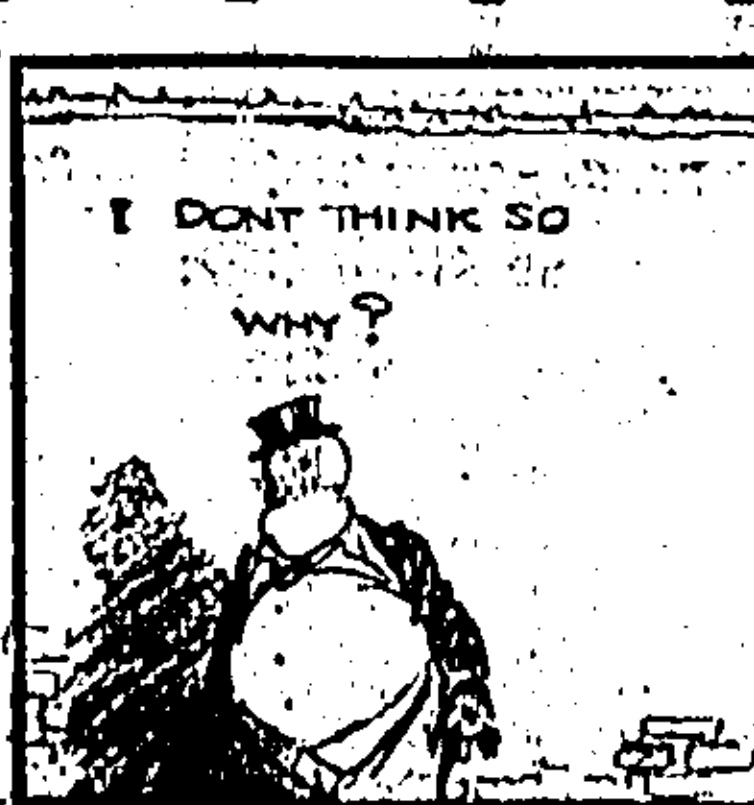
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NOTICE is hereby given that the
Nineteenth Annual Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
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the Company, 4A, Des Voeux
Road Central, Hong Kong, on
Tuesday, the 30th day of
December, 1947, at noon for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the Board of Directors and a
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1946 and of electing Directors
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By order of the Board of
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Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1947.

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on Monday, 12th January, 1948,
at NOON, for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Direc-
tors, together with a Statement
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Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
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H. DA LUZ,

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Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1947.

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"PITIFULLY INADEQUATE" Truman On Anti-Inflation Measure

Palestine Call For Technical Experts

LONDON, DEC. 28.
PALESTINE'S NEED FOR
JEWISH PROFESSION-
AL AND TECHNICAL EX-
PERIENCE WAS EMPHASIS-
ED IN LONDON TODAY BY
DR. E. KAPLAN, TREASUR-
ER OF THE JEWISH
AGENCY.

Addressing a mass meeting
of over 100 Jewish doctors,
physicists, engineers and other
professional workers, Dr.
Kaplan, who is returning to
Palestine from the United
States, urged the need for early
immigration to Palestine of
trained professional Jews from
the United States and Britain,
as well as from other countries.

Dr. Kaplan told his audience
that methods of recruiting such
skilled personnel had already
been considered in the United
States and added that he would
be discussing the same prob-
lem during his stay in London.
Expressing the hope that this
year would see in addition mass
immigration of Jews into Pale-
stine, Dr. Kaplan said: "We
need all the Jews we can get
but the strength of Palestine
lies in our ability to develop a
modern economy. We must
bring in science and skill from
other countries."—Reuter.

RADIUM LOST IN AIR-CRASH

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

A Central News report from
Kunming said today that the
French Consulate there has
offered a C\$20,000,000 reward
for the recovery of a box con-
taining radium which was lost in
the crash of the Belgian mission
airplane on Dec. 22, in which
the co-pilot was killed and
several injured.

The four-motored plane, carry-
ing more than 30 missionaries to
China posts, crashed when taking
off from Kunming five kilometers
off the southern end of the Kun-
ming airfield.—United Press.

NAZI PLOT IN AUSTRIA

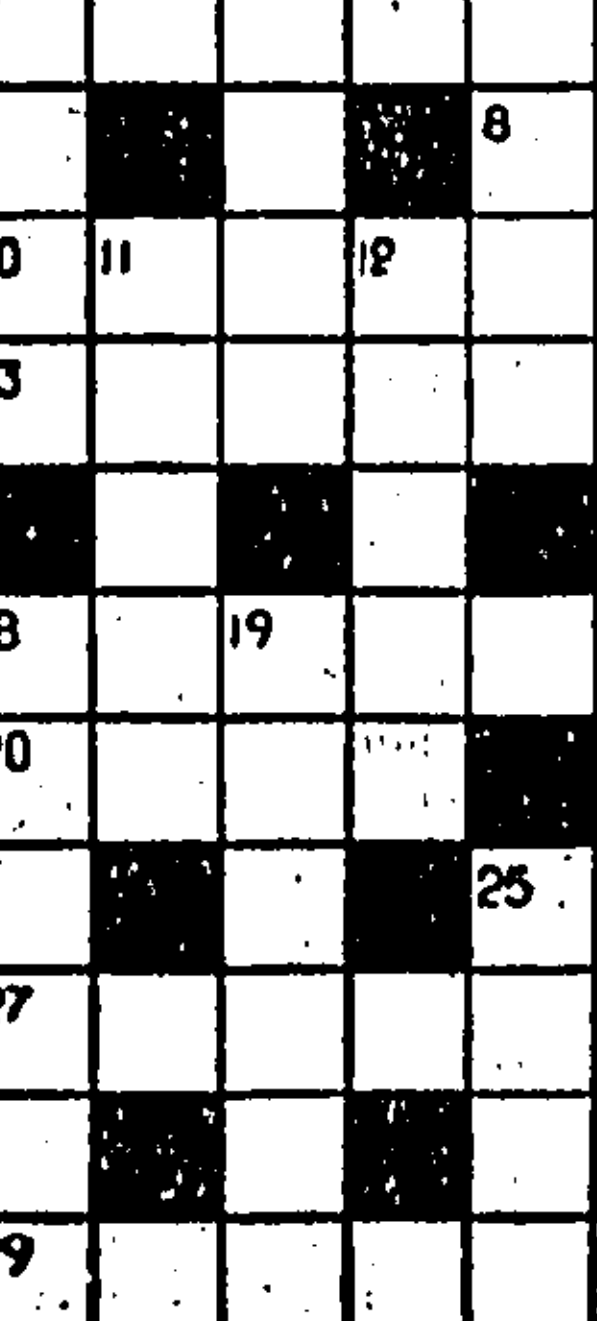
Vienna, Dec. 28.

A report published in the Graz
newspaper Wahrheit that nearly
100 people have been arrested in con-
nection with a Nazi plot in Styria,
received prominence in the Vienna
Communist Press today.

The report claimed that a former
Nazi officer named Soucek, said to
have been an "illegal Gauleiter" and
a well-known Graz doctor, played an
important part in the plot.

An Austrian Government spokes-
man stated today that a number of
arrests had been made in Upper Aus-
tria in connection with attempts to
organize a group of Nazis to finance
their activities by smuggling.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

3 Resort.
7 Board game.
8 Glitened.
10 Piece of
bacon.
13 Bagg.
15 Stare away.
17 Iron.

Clues Down

1 Acute.
2 Near.
3 Levelled.
4 Propellers.
5 Tell.
6 Provides for
financially.
9 Like better.
11 Solo.
12 Custom.
14 Expunge.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1. Camera. 5. Aloft. 8. Opine. 9. Mentor. 10. Gamble. 11. Mince. 12. Ours. 13. Laid. 14. Pomade. 15. Orator. 16. Donor. 17. Firm. 18. Steer. 19. Redan. 20. Signal. 21. Reals. 22. Slay. 23. Years.

Protest Against Insufficiency

Washington, Dec. 28.
President Truman assailed Congress today for
providing him with a "pitifully inadequate
weapon" against the high cost of living in the
Republican-sponsored anti-inflation bill.

Asserting he was signing the
measure in law with a sense of
deep disappointment that Con-
gress has seen fit to take "such
feeble steps," the President
declared in a statement:

"The measure authority con-
tained in the bill will be utilized
to the fullest extent by the
Government, but the public must
not be misled into believing that
this bill will do the job. I would
be shirking my responsibility if
I did not protest against the ob-
vious insufficiency of this legisla-
tion."

No Controls

The Republican-sponsored bill
provides basically for "voluntary
agreements among industries to
allocate scarce materials and
commodities with the aim of
curbing rising prices." It does not
grant the President the authority
he requested to impose price,
wage and rationing controls.

The Senate Republican Policy
Committee will consider further
anti-inflation proposals and other
issues when it meets early next
month, Senator Robert Taft of
Ohio announced.

Taft, a candidate for the Re-
publican Presidential nomination,
in Chairman of the Committee,
outlined a heavy schedule for
possible action in the new session
of Congress.

Market Regulation?

House of Representatives leaders
indicated that top places will be
given to tax reduction, extension
of rent controls and a slash in
Government expenditure to sup-
plement the voluntary action
regulation of the recent special
session.

Taft said several anti-inflation
proposals will be laid before the
Senate Republican policy guiders.
These included the extension of
rent control, possible regulation
of trading on the commodity
exchange, proposed restrictions

Moscow Slaps At New Constitution

Moscow, Dec. 28.
The aim of the new Chinese Constitution was "to
legalise the dictatorship of the Kuomintang
and to sacrifice the national interests of China
by handing the country over to the American
colonisers," Moscow Radio commentators said
today.

"The Kuomintang, with its new
manipulation, will fail to deceive the
Chinese people. In the civil war
against the democratic forces in
China, the Kuomintang armies are
suffering defeat after defeat. The
Chinese people continue their struggle
for a real democratic constitution and
for the creation of a united and
strong China headed by progressive
national elements."

The commentators accused the
Chinese Government of elaborating
the draft of the Constitution without
consulting public opinion and of de-
laying its adoption by a variety of
pretexts. "The Constitution, despite a
certain amount of democratic

Higher Than Everest

Chicago, Dec. 29.

The forthcoming Reynolds-
Boston Museum aerial expedi-
tion to Western China will seek
to determine whether there is a
mountain rivaling 29,141-foot
Mount Everest.

The chief target of the flying
party is the little-known Amne-
chin Mountain, and Milton
Reynolds, Chicago manufactur-
er and co-sponsor of the trip,
said it may be higher than the
Himalayas and higher than
Mount Everest.

"Nobody has ever been in
there to make accurate find-
ings," said Ford Washburn,
director of the Boston Museum
of Science, and a prominent U.S.
Alpinist. "We are almost cer-
tain to find the world's highest
range of mountains."—Assoc-
iated Press.

NENNI CRITICAL

London, Dec. 28.

Sharp criticism of the foreign
policy of the present Italian Gov-
ernment was made today by
Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of
the left wing Socialists in a
speech at Perugia.

Such policy, he said, aimed at
bringing Italy into the sphere of
American "exploitation."
Referring to the parliamentary
elections to be held in April
next, Signor Nenni said: "To
overthrow the present govern-
ment we need more votes for
Socialists and Communists."—
Reuter.

Trieste Police Fire On Crowds

TRIESTE, DEC. 28.
THE YUGOSLAV POLICE
KILLED FOUR AND
WOUNDED SEVERAL
OTHERS WHEN THEY
OPENED FIRE ON A CROWD
PROTESTING AGAINST
FOOD RESTRICTIONS AT
SALICANO, A SMALL TOWN
NEAR GORIZIA, IN THAT
PART OF VENETIA GUILLA
HANDED OVER TO YUGO-
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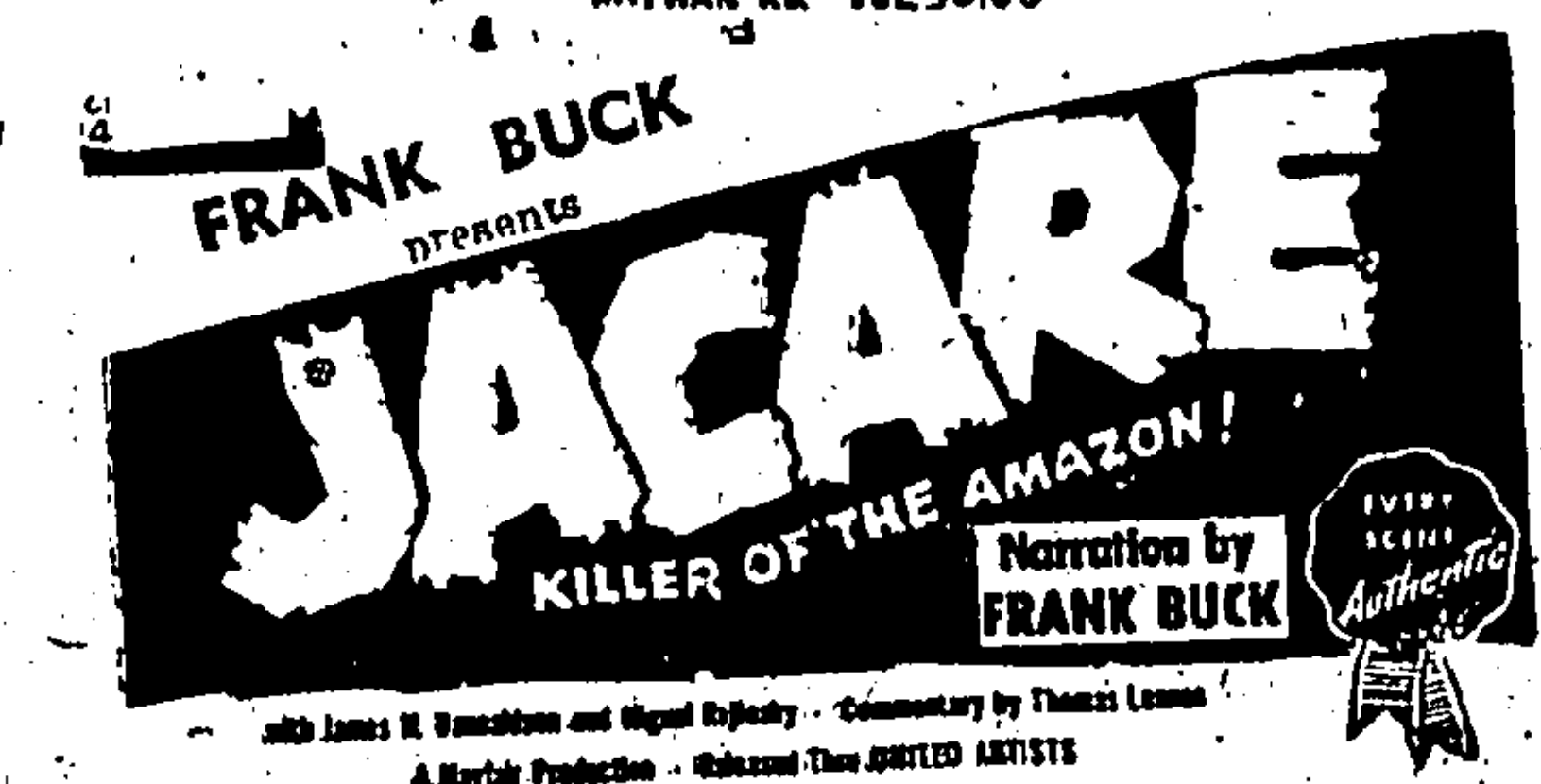
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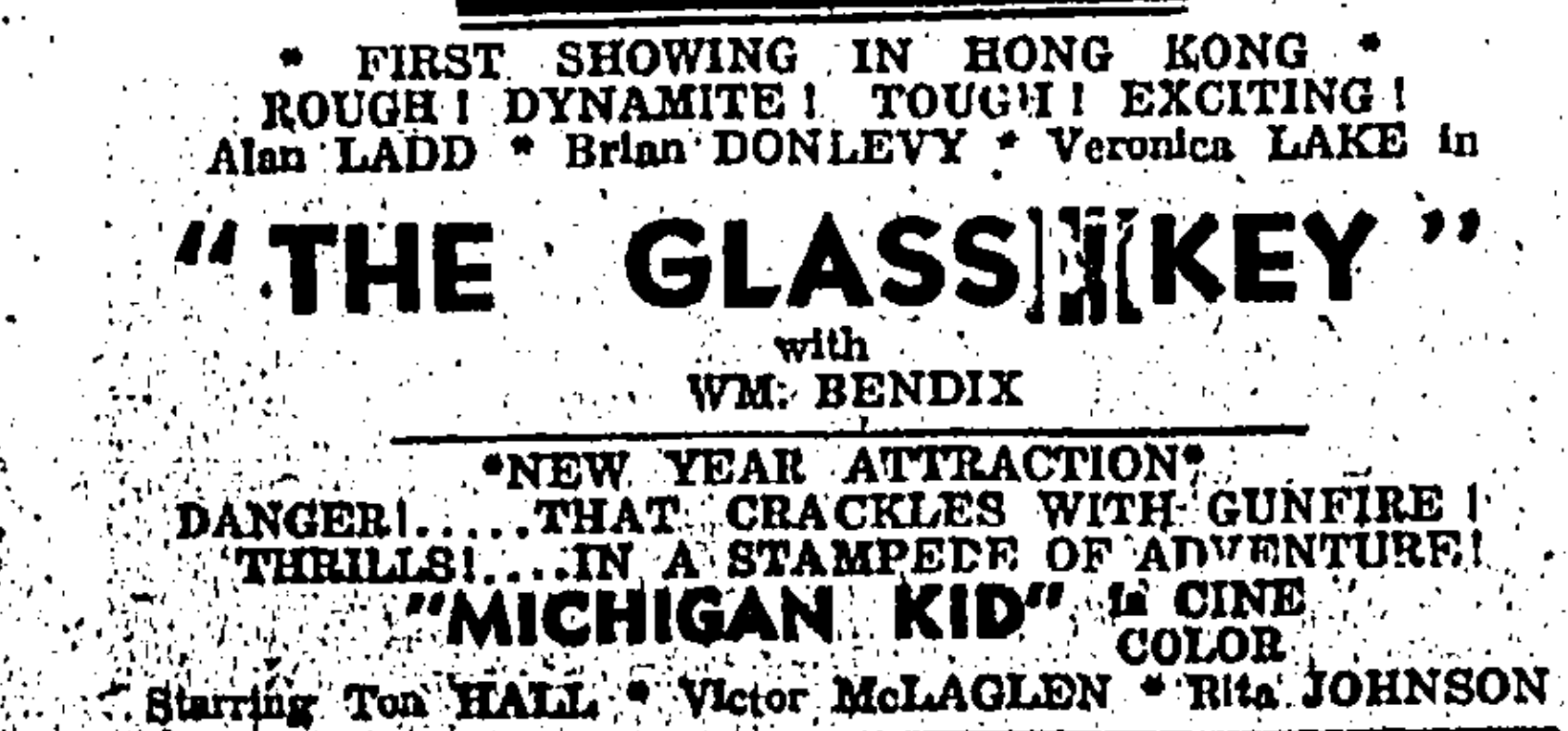
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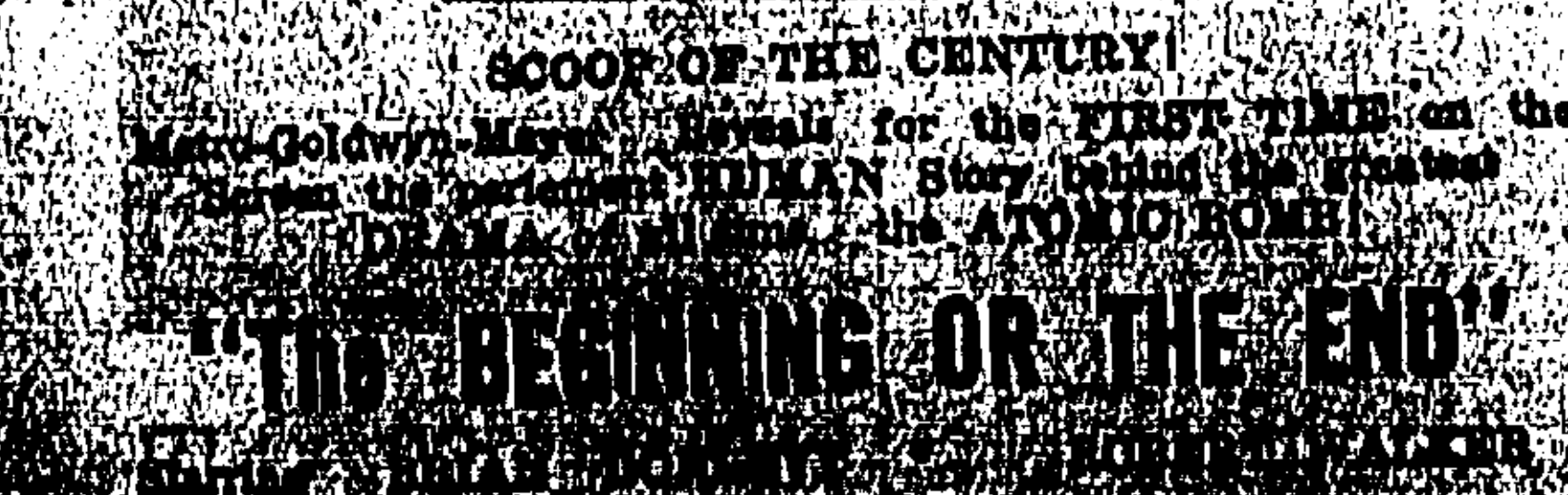
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INDIAN NOTE TO PAKISTAN Responsibility For Kashmir "War"

Offensive In North Greece

ATHENS, Dec. 28. GREEK ARMY FORCES, BOLSTERED BY FRESH TROOPS RUSHED FROM WESTERN MACEDONIA AND EQUIPPED WITH NEW HEAVY ARMS, LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE TODAY AIMED AT SMASHING GUERRILLA ATTEMPTS TO CARVE OUT A PIECE OF NORTH-WESTERN GREECE FOR A SEPARATE COMMUNIST GREEK STATE.

The offensive was launched in rain and over difficult snow-covered terrain. Military authorities refused to disclose details of the number of troops involved in the operation, which they said were "proceeding satisfactorily" and according to plan.

Military sources here estimated that 23 guerilla battalions were thrown into the "battle of Epirus." Each battalion contains from 200 to 300 men, which meant that the guerilla forces totalled somewhere between 4,600 and 6,900 men. In addition many smaller guerilla bands roamed through the area in the vicinity of the Albanian border.

The Communist-led guerillas were holding defence lines on two sides of a triangle hinged on and lying southwest of beleaguered Konitsa—possible capital for the Communist state proclaimed by guerilla chieftain General Markos Vafiades.—Associated Press.

Gospel Team For China

Chicago, Dec. 28. Dr. Robert A. Cook, director of the Chicagoand Youth for Christ, has been named Captain of a Youth for Christ gospel team which will fly to the Far East next month.

Others on the team include Gregorio Tinson, a native of the Philippines at present studying at Olivet College in Illinois, and the Reverend Merrill Dunlop, assistant musical director of the Chicago organization. Known as the "Philippine team" the group is the sixth to go overseas since last summer. The men will spend eight weeks in the Philippines, China, Japan and Korea.—Associated Press.

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Tribes Supplied From Arsenals?

London, Dec. 28. The Sunday Times today printed a despatch from its New Delhi correspondent reporting, "on the highest authority," that on Dec. 22, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, handed to Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, a formal note.

The note, "although couched in friendly terms, states that the Indian Government is satisfied that the invasion of Kashmir has the backing of Pakistan's arsenals and trained personnel, who are held responsible for the obviously experienced direction of the operations."

The correspondent said the note called on Pakistan to withdraw the tribes and its own personnel "immediately," failing which the Indian Government would appeal to the United Nations Security Council.

If no reply was received by Wednesday, instructions would be cabled without further delay to the Indian United Nations representative.

The correspondent added that the Indian Government had been driven to this drastic action by the "realization that, as long as the invaders are reinforced and supplied across the Pakistan frontier, whose neutrality India respects, her troops not only have no hope of victory but are threatened with disaster."

Invasion Fear
He added that the forces India could maintain in Kashmir were limited by the immense supply difficulties from which the Azad commander was free, while the local inhabitants increased the difficulties of the Indians by betraying their movements.

Declaring that at least two divisions were required to clear the Uri-Poonch-Jammu areas, the correspondent said: "This is the limit of the Indian military potential today and the Cabinet hesitates to order them in since this would leave India open to invasion from Pakistan—a possibility which is taken seriously."

British Officers
He added: "In its search for peaceful expedients to end Pakistan support of the rebels, the Indian Government is considering drawing Mr. Atlee's

"Chao Jen" Incident Sequel

TIEN-TSIN, DEC. 29. THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE CHINA MERCHANTS VESSEL CHAO JEN AND SOME YOUTH CORPS SOLDIERS ON BOXING DAY HAD A SEQUEL YESTERDAY WHEN EMPLOYEES ABOARD THE CHAO JEN AND COLLEAGUES WORKING ON OTHER VESSELS AT PRESENT HERE, HELD A MASS PROTEST MEETING.

Subsequently the following conditions were delivered to the 20th Division of the Youth Corps:
1. An apology by the division to the Captain, First Mate and Pilot of the Chao Jen who were taken into custody and forced to stand nude in the bitter cold.
2. Punishment of the Youth Corps members involved.
3. A guarantee against similar occurrences for the future.

The seamen are threatening not to resume navigation unless satisfaction is forthcoming.

Local Chinese military and civil authorities and navigation circles are endeavouring to work out a settlement.—Reuter.

"I AM"



Railway Sabotage In Full Swing

TIEN-TSIN, DEC. 29. RAIL TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE LENGTH OF THE PEI-PING-MUKDEN LINE BETWEEN TIEN-TSIN AND SHANGHAI HAS BEEN MOST INTERFERED WITH CONSTANT DETAILING ON THE LINE AND INSECURITY TO PASSENGERS CAUSED BY FIGHTING ALONG THE ROUTE.

Eastbound trains yesterday proceeded only two-thirds of the way as Luanshan beyond which extensive destruction of rails and traffic installations as well as station buildings at Chukeshwang and Shihmen, about 190 kilometres from here, was reported.

Railway officials remarked that the race between Communist saboteurs and repairers was intensified during the past week with day and night shifts of repair gangs put to work.

Sabotaging also extended to the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway and was intensified along the Peiping-Hankow Railway where southbound traffic between Peiping and Paoing, the capital of Hopei Province, yesterday proceeded only as far as Lianghsiang.—Reuter.

Red Army Officers Stayed Put

Berlin, Dec. 28. Two Soviet Union officers asked to leave a meeting of Germany's right wing political leaders in the Soviet sector of Berlin today were still present when the chairman adjourned the meeting early in the afternoon.

No British or United States officers were present.

Dr. Jakob Mueller, head of the Bavarian Christian Socialist Party, supported a request pointing out that United States officers who had come to a recent meeting of his party in Wuerzburg had left when asked to do so.

The Soviet officers, named Nazarov and Kratyn, recently excluded the British officers from the meeting called to force Dr. Kaiser's resignation.

The announced purpose of today's meeting was to enable central leaders to examine the circumstances which led to the Soviet removal of Dr. Kaiser and his deputy Dr. Ernst Lemmer.

British, American and French officers were called in as observers after the two Soviet officers had ignored requests to leave the meeting.



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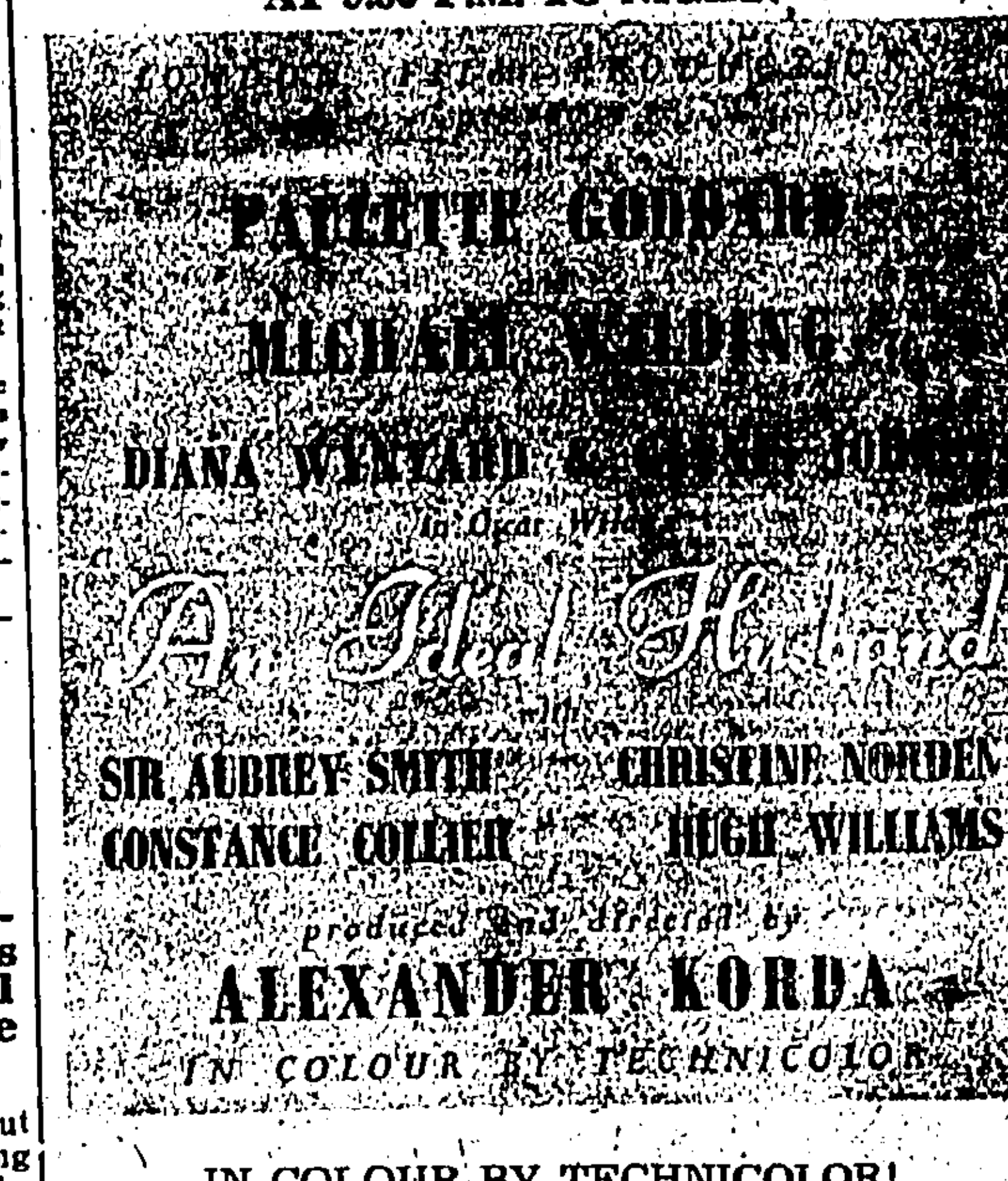


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DEATH

EGAL—After a short illness J.B.E.R. Egal died at St. Theresa's Hospital, Kowloon on 29th December 1947 at 7.20 a.m. Requiem Mass today at St. Joseph's Church General Road at 6.30 a.m. Funeral will take place at 5.30 p.m. to-day. Interment at Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley.

PALESTINE

Pious hopes are still being expressed that, despite all present indications, Jews and Arabs will settle down together in their separate States. Will anybody gamble on the chance that they will? The gravamen of the charges still being flung at us by both is that our continued impartiality is prejudicing the future military victory of one side or the other. We do not yet know what the British Government is going to do about Jewish immigration, now looked upon by both sides as reinforcements, or what they intend to do about the Arab Legion. It may possibly be true that after violent clashes there could be a peace of exhaustion, but that there will be no further such clashes it would be foolish to believe. Indeed, Jewish terrorists who murdered British soldiers may live to regret, or die in regretting, the day when they attacked those who otherwise might still have been there to protect; and the Arab State may one day deplore the substitution of another authority for the one which they could trust to be fair. This is indeed a hateful and sorrowful episode. For once British courage, sense, fair dealing, and traditional skill have proved unable to fulfil a mission. But those qualities have been there. On one point at least all parties are agreed, namely in thanking our administrators and our soldiers for a gallant attempt and in promising that they will be properly treated. Where so much is inevitable, ingratitude to them at least can be avoided. For the rest, the best and indeed the only hope is that the United Nations may make constructive use of the six months left to them before their responsibility fully begins.

Lapse Of Judgment

In their Report on the Budget disclosure, the Select Committee of the Commons examined the train of events which led to Mr. Dalton's resignation, express no general conclusions or reflections. They content themselves with establishing that Mr. Dalton made "a premature and unpremeditated disclosure" without realising that this might lead to premature publication, and that the correspondent who received this information passed it on by "an error of judgment." Not only was the late Chancellor's disclosure made (as all who know him rightly assumed) without any corrupt motive, but no corrupt use was made of his indiscretion. None the less, as the Committee make clear, it was a disclosure "he had no right to make," and it was realization of this which honourably prompted Mr. Dalton to resignation.

The public thus learns with more relief than surprise that the various fanciful theories put forward by rumour to explain Mr. Dalton's resignation have "no basis whatever." By some unaccountable lapse he was moved to commit what he himself confessed to be a grave indiscretion for which he took full responsibility. It seems obvious, though, the point is not made explicit in the report, that it would have been equally improper for Mr. Dalton to have made the disclosure to a journalist who did not publish it, or to a fellow M.P. unconnected with the Press, though the indiscretion might not then have come to light. Mr. Dalton's indiscretion was not a matter of mere discretion, but of judgment.

Where Does Communism End And Fascism Begin?

ALEXANDER CLIFFORD endeavours to answer this Question in the first of two articles on

THE STRUGGLE OF THE ISMS IN EUROPE

Listen in any check-cloth bistro or vine-trellised Italian trattoria or whitewashed Greek taverna or fly-blown Arab cafe.

Above the clink of glasses and the roar of the radio and the click of dominoes you will hear, thrown up like a spray above the waves of talk the words "Communism... Democracy... Fascism... Communism... Democracy... Fascism..."

If you listen a little harder you will hear them again, in disrepute tones, in the olive-oil-smelling posadas of Spain and the wooden-benched bistros of Germany and the smoke-filled Chaynas of Russia. All across a puzzled Europe, wherever men sit together and talk, the arguments go on, serious, bitter, urgent, arguments, for the issues are real and immediate.

The words themselves have been banded about until they have nearly lost their meanings. Their own Latin and Greek roots would no longer know them.

When Molotov urges democracy for Germany, he is speaking of something which could never be recognized as democracy in Britain or America.

When Greek Communists accuse the Greek Government of being Fascist, they are referring to something which has not the remotest resemblance to the regime of Mussolini.

And no so-called Communist country has yet produced a system which Karl Marx would have approved. But the words spin on and on. And the ordinary citizen in Europe desperately needs to know today just what they mean.

De Gaulle

He needs to know whether the new anti-Communist movements like de Gaulle's should be supported in the interests of civilisation, or whether they will go the same way as Hitler's anti-Communist crusade.

Did we perhaps fight on the wrong side in the war, he is beginning to wonder. Or are Communism and Fascism basically the same? Does it really matter which you choose?

The fog of war propaganda is dispersing, and men are trying to see this issue clearly.

Europe has had plenty of experience to judge from by now. Does it turn out to be true—as Churchill used to say on this subject—that the North and South Poles are geographically miles apart, but it is equally cold at both?

Communism and Fascism are both totalitarian. There can be no argument about that. Neither Hitler, Mussolini, nor Stalin could tolerate any opposition to his own party.

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From this it logically follows that opponents of the party leaders are enemies of the people, and must be suppressed by force if necessary.

And so, in Fascism and Communism, you get secret police, purges, stage-managed trials, arbitrary killings, tortures, pogroms, and concentration camps.

Human Freedom

A large area of human freedom has to be put out of bounds to the individual. The human mind is barred from making its own choice on many subjects.

The community as a whole, in fact, is more important than any of its separate members. Individuals must always be sacrificed to the good of society. Society has a monopoly of his own—he only has duties as the member of a community.

Germany and Italy were ruled on this theory before the war. Greece had a taste of it under Metaxas. Spain, Portugal, Russia, Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Albania have got it in varying degrees now. Turkey has had a version of it. Something like it is going on in Argentina.

In those countries you read the newspapers and books the Government wants you to read. If you don't like the method of government there is nothing legal you can do about it. If you air your complaints you are liable to be taken by the arm at the door at three o'clock in the morning and there is the secret police waiting to take you away.

Nothing guarantees you a fair and open trial, and no one will dare make a fuss if you don't get one. Laws and decrees simply come out and you have to obey them. No representative of yours, elected by your votes, will have been able to argue the pros and cons beforehand.

New Doctrine

All that can happen in just the same way whether you are living under a Fascist or a Communist Government. Both forms of regime have abandoned the theory that society exists for the purpose of preserving and protecting the freedom and individuality of its members.

The new doctrine is that society is a kind of completed jigsaw puzzle; the separate bits are meaningless by themselves and only valuable as parts of the whole; and any bits which don't fit must be thrown away.

Fascism and Communism share another thing—an apparent advantage over parliamentary democracy: under their system things can be done swiftly and thoroughly and ruthlessly.

Long-term plans and large-scale public works cannot be interrupted by the fall of the Government, because there is no legal way in which a Communist or Fascist Government can fall.

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Private interests cannot interfere with State projects. No time is wasted in parliamentary debates. Finances are easily manipulated. Criticism is easily quenched. Secrets are easily kept.

Mussolini, as all the world knows, made the Italian trains run on time. Hitler laid his double-track motor roads exactly where he wanted them across Germany. Russia built up an army whose strength the world never guessed.

And there was no fuss or argument about it. The order was given and the thing was done. The people were not consulted. Someone at the top decided for them.

It is obviously a perfect system if the person at the top can always be relied on to decide rightly. But Fascism and Communism also share this great danger: that there is no regular means of getting rid of the people at the top if they begin to decide wrongly.

Absolute Power

Their power is as absolute as anyone can expect to have on this earth. And "power corrupts. And absolute power corrupts absolutely."

All totalitarianism is ultimately rule by force. But since physical force is expensive and dangerous, both Communism and Fascism attempt to substitute for it, mental force—something men can believe in.

They offer a philosophy, a theory, some sort of mysticism capable of arousing enthusiasm and fanaticism. They breed huge swarms of slogans, symbols, emblems, uniforms, parades, and well-aimed propaganda. They lay great stress on the political indoctrination of the young.

This pattern of life—the relationship between the ordinary man and the State he lives in—is in practice remarkably the same under Communism and under Fascism. If that is the basis you choose on—the amount of restraint and regimentation, the lack of freedom, the relative grimness of the secret police, the volume of propaganda—it scarcely matters which you choose.

But usually men don't choose like that. Their choice is nearly always ruled by emotions—by promises, visions, hopes, aspirations, and ultimate aims. It is equally cold at the North and South Poles. But the stars seem different overhead.

BOOKS FOR CHINA

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

Mr. Yuan Tung-li, director of the National Library at Peking, announced today that China has been allocated 370,000 books as part of British and American contributions to war-damaged nations. These books included donations by individuals and gifts by the Rockefeller Foundation. —United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NO JUSTICE IN WORLD

"There simply is no justice in the world" is a remark heard occasionally in some rubber bridge games, but much more frequently in duplicate tournaments. In that style of play, your pair may happen to do the very best bidding or play on a particular hand and yet wind up with a worse score on it than somebody else who dubbed around but got favoured with luck. Or your opponents of the moment may commit some kind of irregularity and wind up profiting from it instead of suffering—you being the victim.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Okay, so you got a vacuum sweeper! You can't chase the cat out with a vacuum sweeper!"

Kiangsi: Tragedy Of Civil War

By John Roderick

Nanchang. While the rest of war-torn, impoverished China hungers for land, thousands of acres of untended soil are going to seed in Kiangsi Province, close to the rich Chinese rice bowl.

The unending Chinese civil war, which has scorched Kiangsi Province in various forms for the past 20 years, combined with eight years of Japanese depopulation have depopulated large areas of the Province's productive farmland.

The famine, driving from Nanchang to Nanchang over the reddish, clay military road that Chiang Kai-shek built more than 10 years ago to drive out the Communists, is impressed by the hundreds of tracts of land lying fallow.

This is among the most picturesque country in China. Its hunched hills are famous in Chinese art. The twin peaks of Kwoifeng Mountain are celebrated in the legends of Taoism which war born on its heights.

The effect of this natural beauty is emphasized by the relative loneliness of the landscape. There are few people and none of the walled villages and small cities which are landmarks elsewhere. Instead the farmers live in solidly built stone houses whose upper portion of white-washed plaster and ribs of exposed timber bear a curious resemblance to the homes of the Norman French.

The peasants that a visitor sees along the Nanchang road, trundling wheelbarrows known all over China for their high-pitched squeak, are alike in two respects. They are either very young or very old.

Thrift, honest, hard-working, they make good soldiers. Thousands of able-bodied young men have been conscripted for the civil war, leaving the fields to the young or old of the family.

Most of the peasants do not know why the government and the Communists are fighting. But they know that without the manpower to plant and reap the crops, Kiangsi faces a terrible future.

The effect of the war on the Province has not been felt in any appreciable degree yet. There has been a rice surplus. Instead of going into the provincial economy, however, it is being shipped straight to Kiangsi for newly arrived Nationalist forces.

"Next year," said one food authority, "the pluck will be felt. It will be a bad year."

Very Young Or Very Old

Land Reforms

Kiangsi is one of the better provinces in China. Perhaps this stems from the fact that in the early thirties it was the site of the infant Chinese Soviet Republic. Under the Red land reforms were initiated on a wide scale. The kind of land which was taken from the absentee landlords and given to the peasants was the best. The Communists had a good record in Kiangsi.

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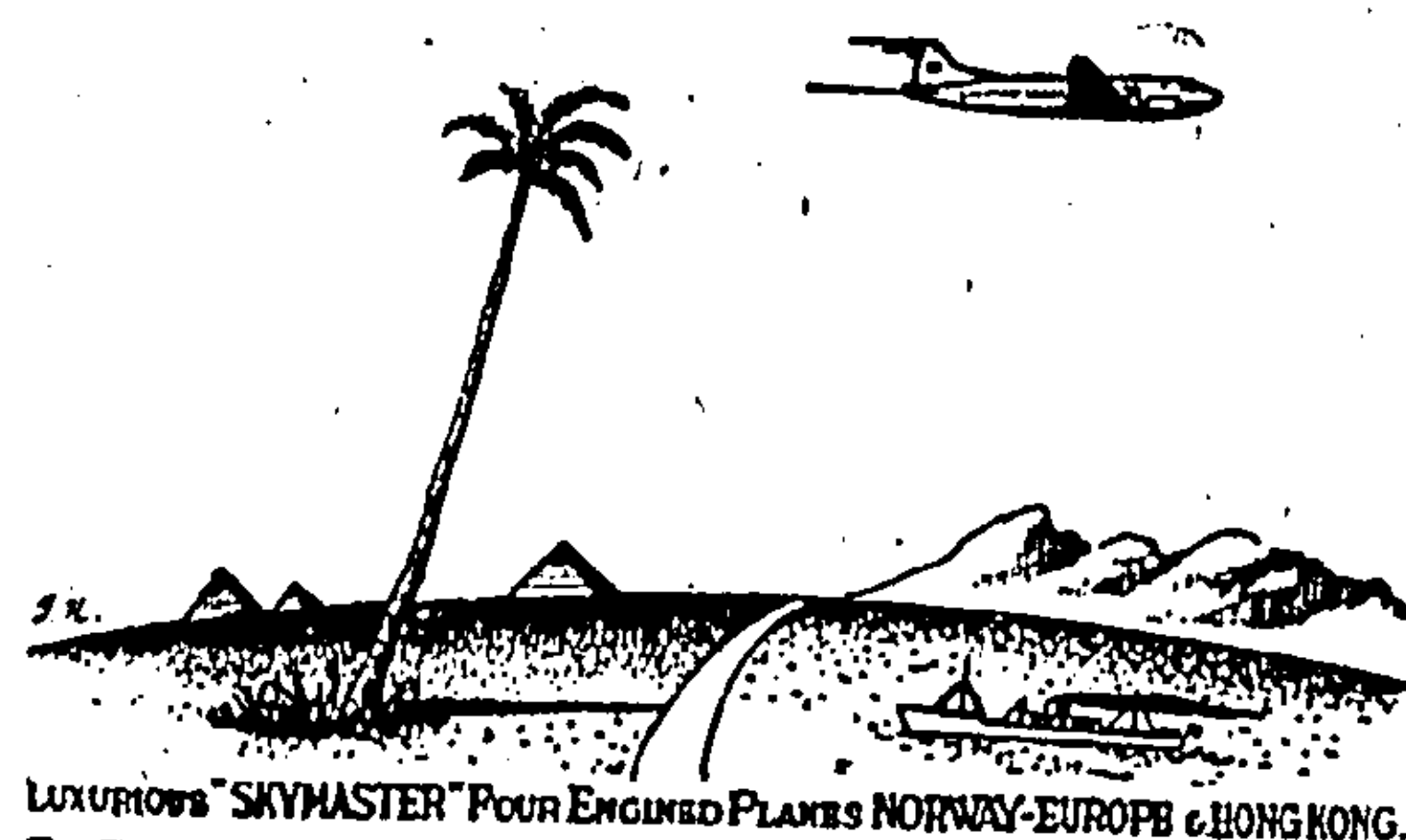
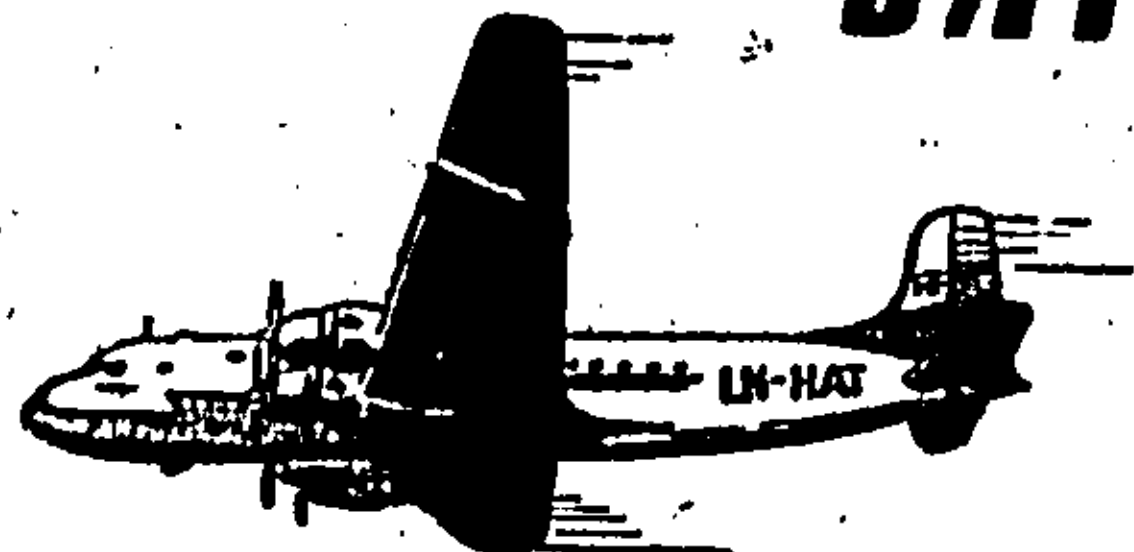
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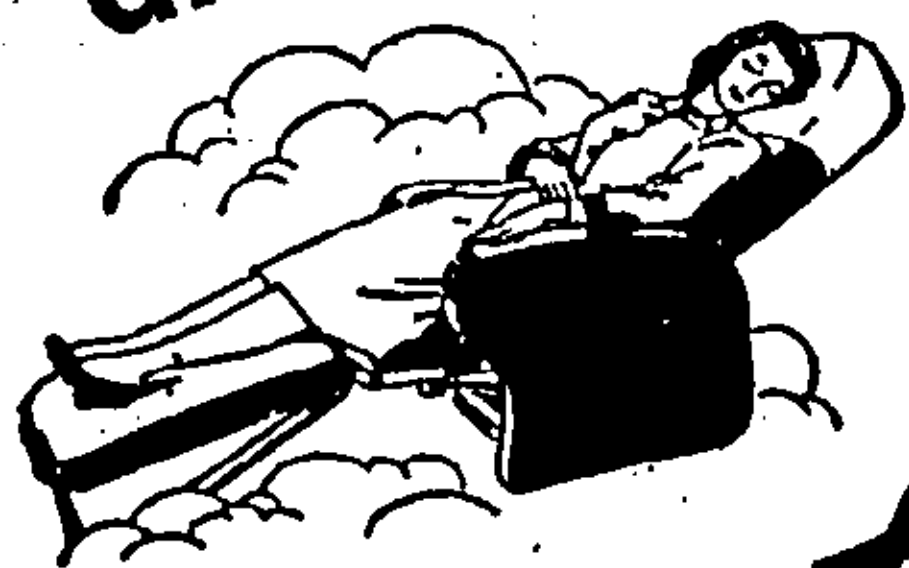
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REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

China And U.S. To Get Lion's Share

Minor Scraps For Commonwealth

Brisbane, Dec. 29. China and the United States will divide the lion's share of Japanese war reparations, leaving the British Commonwealth "minor scraps." This, it is understood, in Canberra today, is the substance of the American Government's latest proposals which have been accepted by Australia in the hope of achieving an early settlement in the Pacific areas.

The British Government, it is understood, disagrees with the American proposals, but has not yet advanced alternatives. The American note suggests the following division of reparations: China, 50 per cent; America, 28 per cent; Australia 8 per cent; Russia four per cent.

The United States has indicated that it will return 12 per cent to the reparations fund. Russia is requesting 15 per cent of the reparations total, it is understood, and is declining to count her plunder of Manchuria and Korea as part thereof, explaining that this is "legitimate war booty."

U.S. Won It

The Australian Government takes the view that the Pacific victory was overwhelmingly due to America's war effort. Dr. Evatt, the Minister for External Affairs, has publicly welcomed Britain's rejection of the Russian proposal that the Big Four only should settle the Japanese peace treaty. This showed that Britain and other members of the Commonwealth were remaining loyal to agreements reached at the Commonwealth Conference on Pacific peace, held recently in Canberra.—Our Own Correspondent.

British Atomic Secrets

BRISBANE, DEC. 29. BRITAIN HAS MADE MAJOR SECRET DISCOVERIES IN ATOMIC RESEARCH, ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR L. H. MARTIN, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY, WHO HAS RETURNED AFTER A TWO-MONTHS TOUR OF BRITISH SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH.

British scientists have made two atomic discoveries of major importance in recent months, he declared, but declined to give a further clue.

Professor Martin recommended the Australian Government to establish important atom-smashing laboratories here to supplement British research. Professor Martin said British science is developing rapidly now.—Our Own Correspondent.

"VIRUS X" MYSTERY

Los Angeles, Dec. 28. The first death from the mysterious "virus X" which has stricken an estimated 200,000 persons in this area was reported today. The victim of the virus infection was a nine-month-old boy. Dr. George H. Uhl, City Health Officer, said the ailment is spreading elsewhere in Southern California. In most cases its effects have been mild.—Associated Press.

Persia "Vassal" Of America

London, Dec. 28. Persia, like Greece and Turkey, has become a "vassal" of the United States under the military agreement signed on Oct. 6, a Soviet Radio commentator asserted in an English-language broadcast.

"The Persian-American military agreement, backed by military dollar credits which are being forced on Persia, is a typical specimen of American interference in the domestic affairs of other countries," according to the commentator, M. Herman Kofman.

Saying that the United States had "clearly included Persia in its sphere of Middle-Eastern expansion," he added: "The United States does not consider Persia a sovereign state and is practicing these unilateral actions with an assurance that the Hakkim Government will not repudiate this unequal treaty which makes Persia, like Greece and Turkey, a vassal of the United States."—Reuter.

KING PAUL OF GREECE

Athens, Dec. 28. King Paul of Greece spent an undisturbed night and his general condition today is satisfactory, according to the latest bulletin issued by his medical attendants, despite a rise in temperature for a short period last evening.

The King is suffering from a recurrence of typhoid fever.—Reuter.

A JET FLYING WING



Squadron Leader Eric Franklin, 27, chief test pilot for Armstrong Whitworth, demonstrated the jet propelled flying wing (above) at Bitterwell, near Rugby, Warwick. This bodyless flying wing, costing £200,000, with a fully laden take-off weight of 33,000 pounds, is powered by two Rolls Royce engines and has a wing span of 80 feet. The wings are swept back at an angle of 25 degrees. At sea level it can cruise for 1,500 miles at 330 miles per hour at 38,000 feet.—(AP Photo).

ENVOY DROPS HINT ON YANGTSE SHIPPING

Shanghai, Dec. 29. Norway looks forward to the liberalisation of China's navigation regulations and is confident that this would mean a marked increase in prosperity for both countries, the Norwegian Ambassador to China, M. Nicolai Aall, declared here shortly before he left for Nanking last night following visits to Norway and Siam.

M. Aall, who was echoing what Lord Ammon, head of the recent British Parliamentary Goodwill Mission to China, pleaded more than once during his visit to this country, said that before the war Norwegian freighters were widely chartered by Chinese interests in coastal carrying trade that was noted for its economy. After stating that Norway, who sacrificed half her 7,000,000 tons of shipping in the war, needed her former seaways, the Ambassador said: "In China, with magnificent waterways like the Yangtze comparable with internationally navigable rivers like the Mississippi and the Thames, more ships would ameliorate the immense demand for freight and bring down the present high cost of transportation. Since China is in the process of acquiring a new fleet some of the ships would have to be foreign."

M. Aall then asked: "What could be more Norwegian than a fjord? Yet ships flying every flag may be found sailing on those still waters surrounded on three sides by Norwegian land."

M. Aall, who returned to China in 1946 as Norway's first post-war Ambassador to China, was Consul General in Shanghai during the critical years of 1927 (when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reached Shanghai in the course of his anti-communist expedition) and 1932 (when the 19th Route Army fought the Japanese here) and 1937 (when the Sino-Japanese war broke out).—Reuter.

Something In Common?

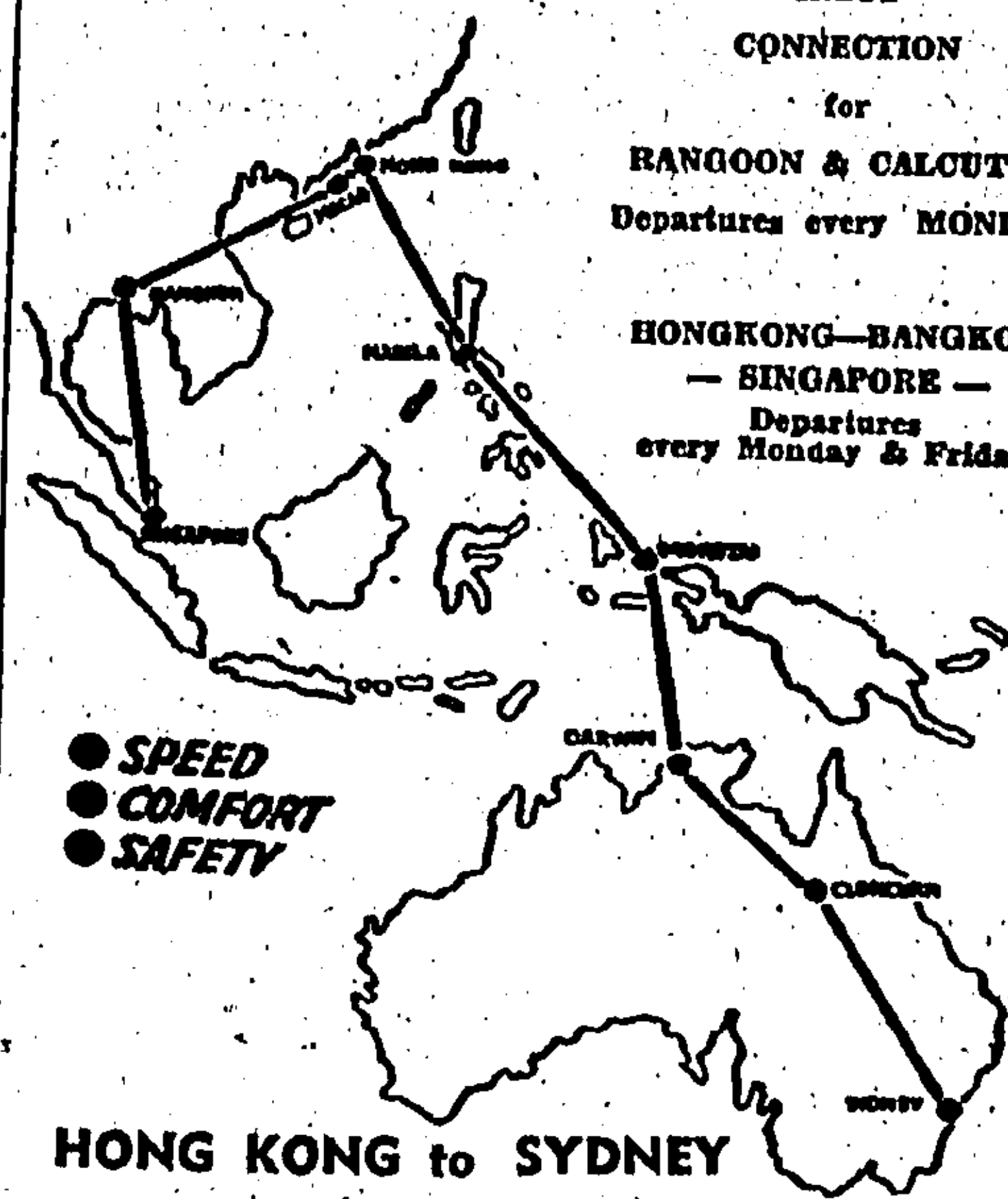
New York, Dec. 29. Common ground for agreement between the Soviet Union and the United States can be found in the economic and social rights of man, leading to agreement on other subjects, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said in a broadcast here today.

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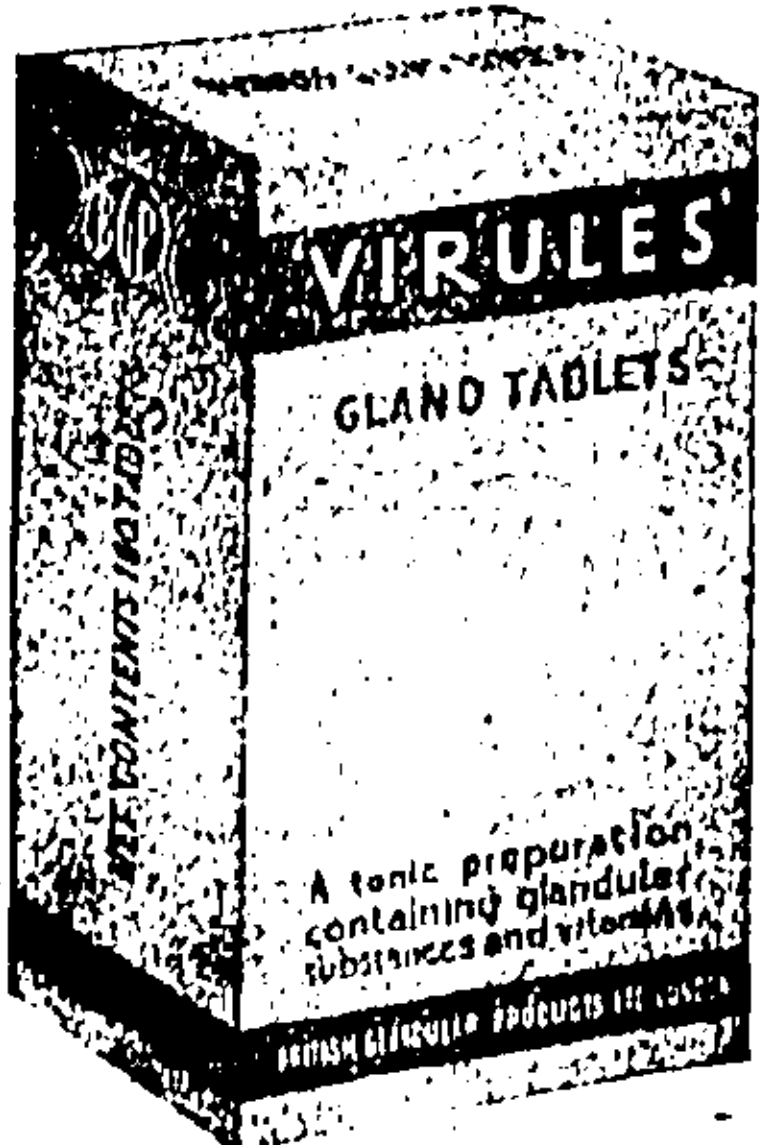
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IRGUN TALKS WITH HAGANAH Negotiations For A "United Front" Resignation Of Moshe Sneh

Jerusalem, Dec. 28.
The Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, said tonight that it was negotiating for a "united front" in Palestine with Haganah, Jewish defence army, but denied the reports that an agreement had been reached, according to Jewish sources in Tel-Aviv.

The Irgun, associated with Zionist Revisionists, made this announcement in a statement to the Hebrew press, these sources stated.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Irgun loudspeakers in the streets of Tel-Aviv had described the leaders of the Jewish Agency, which controls the reputedly 70,000-strong Haganah, as traitors.

Irgun and Haganah are two of the three Jewish underground organisations which have been active since the war in operations against the British and more recently against Arabs. The other is the Stern Gang, also known as Fighters for the Freedom of Israel.

Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and former commander of Haganah, has resigned from the Agency Executive, it was authoritatively stated in Tel-Aviv tonight.

Pro-Soviet

The principal reason for his resignation is understood to be a reported decision by the Jewish Agency forbidding the sailing to Palestine of the two ships Pan York and Pan Crescent with almost 10,000 immigrants.

Dr. Sneh is also said to be bitterly opposed to the present orientation of the Jewish Agency Executive policy towards Washington and London. He is reported to favour "international neutrality" with a pro-Soviet tendency.

While the British Administration is under fire from both Arabs and Jews, each accusing the security forces of "taking sides," senior officers of the Administration and the security chiefs of both the police and army will thrash out at a Jerusalem conference tomorrow the whole question of safeguarding the highways of Palestine.

Both Sides Protest

Arab and Jewish newspapers today accused the Administration of "breaches of neutrality."

The Jews coupled their criticism of the Administration's failure to protect the main Tel-Aviv-Jerusalem highway and to be virtually in the hands of a handful of Arab snipers—with a protest against the disarming of squads of Haganah detailed to guard Jewish convoys.

SHIP ON FIRE

London, Dec. 29.
According to a Lloyds Shipping Intelligence message from Lobito, Portuguese West Africa, a serious fire broke out early this morning on board the 264-ton Swedish motor vessel Malharen which arrived there on Dec. 10. Hatches No. 1 and 2 were burning furiously.—Reuter.

CHOLERA GERMS IN R.A.F. WATER

Baghdad, Dec. 28.
The Iraq authorities today arrested a man suspected of trying to place tubes containing cholera germs in a stream at Ramadi, near the Royal Air Force base at Habbaniya. Tubes of different sizes, said to have been found in his house, have been sent to Baghdad for analysis. It was said that the arrested man sold his house a week ago and had a passport which is in order.—Reuter.

May Be Plants On Mars

CHICAGO, DEC. 29.
DISCOVERY THAT CARBON DIOXIDE IS PRESENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF MARS—GIVING FIRST CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME FORM OF PLANT LIFE EXISTS ON THE RED PLANET—WAS REPORTED TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper of the University of Chicago said the finding was made possible by a war-developed technique for observing the effects of invisible infra-red radiation. This employs the same general principle that led to the development of the military "night scope" and other instruments for seeing targets in the dark.

Both Kuiper and astronomer Fred Whipple of Harvard told reporters, however, that they doubted the possibility of any form of life on Mars higher than plant life and perhaps animal cell life or bacteria.—Associated Press.

WINSTON CATCHES A COLD

Managua, Dec. 29.
Winston Churchill, suffering from a bad cold, was kept in bed by doctor's orders today.

Members of the former Prime Minister's party said that Mr. Churchill apparently caught a cold on a motor trip to the mountains, where he sat beside his automobile for several hours painting the landscape. His condition is not regarded as serious, they said.

Mr. Churchill came to French Morocco on Dec. 11 to write memoirs.—Associated Press.

Arabs Infiltrate Police Force

Jerusalem, Dec. 29.
A wave of desertions has resulted in a decision by the Palestine Government to cease recruiting Arabs for the Palestine Police.

The Government refuses to give the precise number of Arab "deserters" who have disappeared once they were issued with a rifle and trained in the use of automatic weapons, but a spokesman told me: "The figure is well over 100 for the last 12 months, and most men had only a few months' service."

The training centre for Arab police in the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road has been closed down. Inspector-General Nicholas Gray, D.S.O. Palestine Police, an ex-Marine Commandant, has issued orders for safeguarding arms in the possession of newly-enlisted Arabs still "present and correct." Rifles are being taken from "suspects" and replaced by truncheons.

Inspector-General Gray has also given orders that the duties of

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AID THE GOVERNMENT

On Britain's Newest Battlefront

When the Eighth Army was "dug in" at El Alamein Winston Churchill sent for a man. "You go out there and give the Army everything it wants," said the Prime Minister. "We're going to build up a new Army and sweep the Africa Corps out of Africa."

The man went. The Army got all it wanted from Alamein to Tripoli, and the Africa Corps was swept out of Africa.

That Man Again

When Britain switched her war effort to the Far East and Mountbatten was mounting his Japanese offensive in India Churchill sent for the man again.

"Go out there and give the 14th Army all it wants," he said. The man went the weapon-starved "Forgotten Army" got all the fighting gear it wanted, and the Japs got thrown out of Burma.

Today—with Britain's L. of C. (Lines of Communication) to you civilians threatened at the beginning of the country's greatest export battle—Sir Stafford Cripps has followed Churchill's example and sent for the man once more.

At the age of 63 Lieutenant-General Sir Wilfrid Lindell has left retirement to reorganise Britain's winter L. of C. to speed-up the turn-round of railway wagons, and make sure that the great export drive is not delayed by hold-ups on the home front.

Today, Sir Wilfrid is Chief Executive of the newly formed Winter Transport Committee. When he was at the Board of Trade Sir Stafford gave Lindell the job of preparing our war-time factories for peace.

And the General found this much easier than supplying the 14th Army as they beat their way into Burma up the Tiddim Road. What's the state of Britain's new battle front? What are the chances of victory or defeat before the winter is over?

Sitting in his small, sparsely furnished office at the Ministry of Transport, Berkeley-square W.1, recently Sir Wilfrid "put me in the picture," as the Army would say.

The Wagon Lines

Britain starts the campaign with a greatly reduced army. We have 1,200,000 wagons, but 200,000 of them are unserviceable every day, awaiting repair after years of almost non-stop running.

Ruling out coal wagons, we need a wagon army of 750,000 to carry our goods from the base factories to the actual export front.

We can muster only 600,000, which means that there are only four wagons to do the work of five.

Surveying the front, Sir Wilfrid—smallish, alert, with thinning grey hair, and a grey moustache—treats it as an army problem.

"It's identical," says the man who has often been described as the greatest quartermaster who ever lived.

"An army may have the finest equipment in the world, but what's the good of it if it can't be moved from base?"

'Keep Moving'

"Our factories may produce the finest goods in the world for export, but they must be moved."

"It is absolutely essential that transport facilities should have over-riding priority both in peace and war. If your transport system breaks down for everything goes."

"It is the foundation of the whole life of the community." And British transport, says Sir Wilfrid, wants almost everything—steel for locomotives and wagons; timber for worn tracks.

But he surveys the new battle-front with far easier feelings than he had when Churchill called him to the Middle East and then sent him on to India.

"It's a big job, but we are tackling it in peace," he said. "Already—thanks a great deal to the Press—people re-

alise the problem and are volunteering to help unload the wagons and speed the week-end turn-round."

Sir Wilfrid (the Civil Servant) has as much confidence in the British railways and their workers as he had in "Monty" Eighth Army and General "Bill" Slim's 14th. Every day of the week Sir Wilfrid meets transport executives, representatives of the great "user" companies, and hammers out details of how the transport services can be speeded up.

Already counter-plans have been made for coping with a sudden "freeze-up."

Not The Toughest

Wagon replacements are coming along well (39,354 were made last year) and we are repairing 90,000 a week, which is twice as many as before the war.

"It is a big job," says Sir Wilfrid, "but, remember, there are no bombs or submarines or monsoons to spoil everything."

"No, taking things all round, I wouldn't say this was my toughest job."

"If we could get through Dunkirk, we should manage this."

And when the battle's won he will return to the country and his gardening, and on Sundays to the village church, where he sometimes gives an address by candle-light.

In a sermon some time ago he said: "We cannot sit back and let someone else get on with the job."

Sir Wilfrid practises what he preached.

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"EMPIRE BRENT"	U.K.	24th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	13th Feb.
"DEVONSHIRE"	U.K.	18th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	10th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	24th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	27th Feb.

SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"LANCASHIRE"	Kuro	30th Dec.
"LANCASHIRE"	U.K. via Straits	12th Jan.
"ORMARA"	Amoy	17th Jan.
"TREVETHOP"	Shanghai	10th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	15th Jan.
"DEVONSHIRE"	Kuro	15th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	15th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits & Continent	24th Feb.

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Gothenburg/
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Shanghai & Genoa/Marseilles/
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	Late Jan.	m.v. "DONA ANICETA"
ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Pacific Coast Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	1st Jan.	m.v. "MANGALORE"
	12th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
	22nd Jan.	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
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Tass Reveals Details Of Trade Pact More Grain For Britain

London, Dec. 29.
Britain will receive 750,000 tons of coarse grain from Russia, instead of the 500,000 tons of animal feeds previously reported, the official Soviet news agency said today.

Tass reported that the trade agreement signed last night in Moscow also contained a decision to begin new, longer range trade talks by next May.

A spokesman for the British Board of Trade confirmed the signing of the pact but declined to disclose its details before Monday.

Tass said Russia guaranteed delivery of the 750,000 tons of grain between next February and September at prices agreed on but not disclosed.

Tin Deliveries
The British Government, Tass said, agreed to deliver to the Soviet Union "in the near future" a first consignment of rails for narrow gauge railways and to assist in the purchase by Soviet economic organizations of wool, rubber, aluminium, cocoa, coffee and other goods.

Tass added "As regards deliveries of tin to the Soviet Union, the two Governments agreed to discuss this matter at an early date."

The British Government also agreed, Tass said, "to assist in placing orders in Britain by Soviet import organizations for equipment for mechanisation of the (Soviet) timber industry, for plywood factories and sawmills as well as for electrical and other equipment."

Terms Modified
It said Britain "accepted the proposals of the Soviet Government in regard to modification of the terms" of a wartime civil supplies agreement including a reduction of the interest rate on the credit.

Last August, after earlier trade talks had broken down, Russia failed to pay Britain roughly half of a £4,000,000 instalment on the civil credit agreement.

Tass said the negotiators of the trade agreement revised the loans to provide for payment in 12 equal annual instalments beginning in four years.—Associated Press.

SPAIN TO BE INCLUDED
London, Dec. 28.
The influential Sunday news paper, "The Observer," said today that it had learned on "good authority" that the Foreign Ministers of the three Western powers had agreed at a private conference in London that Spain could not be omitted from integrated Western European economy.

A special correspondent said in a copyrighted article that the question of inclusion of Spain in a Western European organization independent of Russia probably would be discussed in negotiations soon among the United States, Britain and France.—United Press.

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Shanghai, Dec. 29.
Persons in transit through China may be able to turn over their excess amount of gold or foreign exchange to the Customs for safe-keeping and the amount should be reclaimed within six months when they leave the country, according to one provision of the recently revised financial regulations, it is learned.
At the expiration of this period, the exchange or gold will be transferred to the Central Bank to be converted into Chinese currency at rates quoted by the bank.—Reuter.

Money Market

Gold's upsurge was checked yesterday after a day of hectic ups and downs.

Opening at \$303.75 a tael, it slipped to \$312 in less than an hour. The tide then turned and an hour before closing time it was down to \$298.25. Again it about faced and before the market closed climbed back to \$303.50.

Pinstripes opened at \$11.82 1/2 and closed at \$11.65 a 100. These were the highest and lowest rates of the day.

Chinese National Currency had a day of complete inactivity and rates were nominal at 32 1/2 cents for futures and 39 cents for spot (for CNY\$10,000).

Ticals eased off slightly to \$26.30, and NEI Guilders to \$26.10 a 100.

U.S. dollars opened at \$4.07 but weakened to \$4.04 in the afternoon.

Sterling was firmer at \$13.33. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

In Shanghai yesterday (says Reuter) the open market rate for the U.S. dollar was CNY\$22,000 (buyers) and CNY\$24,000 (sellers), and for Sterling, CNY\$287,000 (buyers) and CNY\$273,000 (sellers).

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 29.
CAPTAIN H E R B E R T TANSEY, THE PILOT OF THE CONSTELLATION AIRCRAFT STAR OF CAIRO WHICH CRASHED AT SHANNON AIRPORT, IRELAND, HAS FILED DAMAGES SUIT FOR \$300,000 AGAINST THE TRANSWORLD AIRLINES INCORPORATED, OWNERS OF THE PLANE.

Filing his suit in the district court here yesterday, Captain Tansey, who lost a foot as a result of the crash in which 12 people were killed, claimed that the plane's altimeters were improperly installed and that he had received improper medical attention after the accident.

A public inquiry conducted in New York by the Civil Aeronautics Board in February found that the crash was probably the result of the altimeters in the plane being connected incorrectly.

Airline officials stated in the inquiry that tests carried out on the two altimeters recovered from the airliner showed the static tubes leading to the altimeters and air speed indicators had been inadvertently hooked up backwards by the maintenance crew.—Reuter.

A.P.L. MAN TO RESIGN
San Francisco, Dec. 28.
John Jacobson, shipping agent for nearly 40 years, will retire on Jan. 1 as superintendent engineer of American President Lines. He will be succeeded by his assistant, George Jackson.—Associated Press.

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• "TSINAN" Swatow 1 p.m. 3rd Jan.
• "HANYANG" Shanghai 3 p.m. 3rd Jan.
• "HUPEH" Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai & Tientsin 5 p.m. 3rd Jan.
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TUESDAY, DEC. 30

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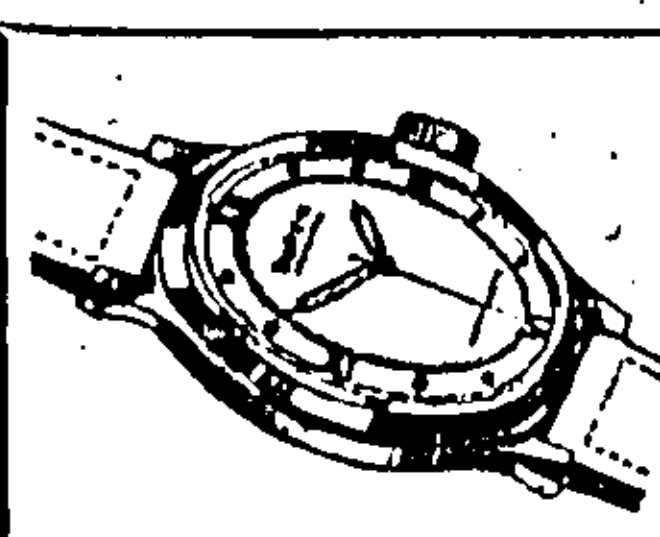
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INDIA LOSES GRIP ON SOUTHERN GAME

SHAW SPEAKS ON HIS HOLY WRIT

London, Dec. 29. George Bernard Shaw long has been reputed to be Britain's leading agnostic but he said today he never travels without a Bible. He made the admission in replying to Etienne Dupuch, editor of the Nassau Tribune in the Bahamas, who wrote that Shaw is "bound to catch hell" for auctioning off an old Bible which belonged to Mrs. Shaw.

Retorted Shaw: "Ask this Irish American who thinks I should be hanged for selling an old Bible what should be done to the Bible Society which sells thousands of much more handsome ones every day."

"The silly fellow need not be anxious about me. I have half a dozen Bibles left and I never travel without one," United Press.

Friendly Cricket Scores

In a friendly match at Happy Valley on Sunday, the Chief and Petty Officer's Cricket Club defeated the Civilian Club by 3 Wickets and 110 runs:

CHIEFS & P.O.'S

Burt, c. Eisdine, b. Quinn	4
McMahon, b. Quinn	11
Sylvester, b. Quinn	37
Chappell, b. Quinn	7
Mathison, not out	69
Alton, b. Hubbard	2
Gratham, c. Dwyer, b. Hubbard	3
King, c. Cross, b. Quinn	4
Buck, run out	2
Extras	14
Total 7 Wickets for	145
Belton and Miller did not bat.	

CIVILIANS

Quinn, b. Sylvester	0
Dwyer, c. Chappell, b. Sylvester	2
Stinford, run out	15
Stevens, c. King, b. Chappell	0
Curran, b. Sylvester	0
Erskine, b. Sylvester	0
Campher, b. Gratham	5
Hubgood, c. Mathison, b. Chappell	1
Carr, c. McMahon, b. Chappell	0
Cross, run out	1
Donnison, not out	7
Extras	7
Total	35

Kwong Wah Soccer Player Suspended

At a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association last night, Tam Yung-kan of Kwong Wah was suspended for 14 days as from Dec. 20, for serious foul play during the Senior Shield match between 25th R.A. and Kwong Wah at Soekunpo.

SOCCER

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong team against the Mainland team at soccer on New Year's Day on the Club ground, Happy valley; kick-off at 3.30 p.m.:

Jones (Navy), Hau Yung Sang (S'No), Gosano (St. Joseph's), Lau Chung Sang (S'No), Alroza (St. Joseph's), Parvin (Navy), Ho Ying Fun (S'No), Lai Shu Wing (S'No), Fowler (Club), Kloran (Inhaks) and Chu Wing Keung (S'No).

Reserves:—Anderson (Buffs), Tao Kam Hing (Eastern), Chang Kam Hoi (S'No), Chan Tak Fai (S'No), Cunningham (Buffs).

Team Manager:—Mr. A. McAlpine.

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Chance Fades Of Outright Win

Canberra, December 29. At the close of play today, the Southern Districts team had scored 228 for their first innings and 141 for four wickets in reply to the Indian tourists' first innings of 364 runs made on Saturday.

The Indians, who declared their innings closed on Saturday's score of 364 at the opening today, lost their grip on the game and the chance of forcing an outright win over the Southern Districts of New South Wales after taking the first six country wickets for 60 runs.

A seventh wicket partnership of 106 in an hour and a half, mainly against medium paced bowling, helped the country side to reach 228 at the close of play.

After lunch Sen rested with a battered finger.

Amarnath, Gula Mohamed and Rai Singh batted, with Amarnath showing the best form, better even than Sen.

The country side again lost their early batsmen cheaply following on, Nayudu taking three of the first four wickets, but a bright fifth wicket partnership of 83 runs saved the team.

SCORES

Indian First Innings 364
SOUTHERN DISTRICTS—FIRST INNINGS

S. Witt, b. Rangachar	11
M. Ward, c. Sen, b. Hazare	11
M. Ward, run out	3
M. Hanner, b. Gul Mohamed	11
H. Stappleton, b. Mayudu	15
H. Stappleton, b. Sarwate	1
G. Stevens, c. Hazare, b. Mayudu	12
R. Bonser, not out	52
J. Lear, b. Mayudu	15
J. Cunnah, c. Amarnath, b. Sarwate	2
P. Robertson, c. Amarnath, b. Sarwate	9
Extras	9
Total	228

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Amarnath	5	1	0	0
Rangachar	9	0	28	1
Hazare	15	3	46	1
Sarwate	13	1	52	3
Nayudu	11	1	57	3
Mayudu	2	0	7	0
Gul Mohamed	5	0	12	0
Rangachar	1	0	4	0

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 29. Outplayed in their first innings their 130 was replied to with 420 by New South Wales—Victoria recovered by scoring 333 for seven in their second innings of the Sheffield Shield game here today, but are still heading for defeat after three days of play.

New South Wales 420 for six overnight with Barnes not out 141, carried on this morning and Barnes took his score to 155.

GALE FLOODS IN FRANCE

Milhois, (France), Dec. 29. High winds and torrential rains have lashed France for the past 48 hours bringing rivers to flood tides, washing away bridges and inundating towns on France's eastern border.

Rhine towns were isolated by heavy rains and detachments of soldiers were rushed into the area to man lifeboats.

The parish mines in the area were also flooded.

The National Weather Bureau announced this morning in Paris that the weather is expected to improve today and tomorrow.

In the capital the skies were overcast but rain had stopped after almost 48 hours.—United Press.

RUGBY

The Army will field the same XV that defeated Club last Saturday by 6 points to 3 when they meet Royal Navy in their second game with the latter in the Quadrangular Tournament series on the Club ground at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The match is being played on New Year's Eve instead of Jan. 10 as previously announced.

The game should be fast and thrilling, the Army being all out to avenge their defeat in the first encounter ten days ago when Navy won by 11 points to 3.

Army team:—Lt. Rock de Besombes; Lt. De Rome, Capt. Henderson, Lt. Penrose, Lt. Moore; Capt. Roberts, Capt. Darwin; Lt. Stevens, Lt. Bruce, Lt. Woodhead, Lt. Barker, Lt. Hamilton, Lt. Bir, Brookes, Lt. Doherty, Lt. Begley.

SPAIN BEATS BRITISH TENNIS TEAM

Barcelona, Dec. 29. Spain beat the International Lawn Tennis Club of Great Britain by seven matches to three in their four days meeting which ended here today.

The tournament consisted of six singles and four doubles.

The chief interest today was the clash between Tony Mottram of Britain and E. Massip, leading Spanish player, but Massip ran off a surprisingly easy winner by 6-0, 6-2.

The Australian, Jack Harper, registered a victory for Britain by beating the Spanish Davis Cup player M. Shawby by 10-8, 6-3.

In the final match of the meeting, the Spanish pair Massip and Bartrol beat Mottram and Harper 6-3, 6-3.—Reuter.

ENZED RUGBY WIN OVER FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 29. The New Zealand Rugby League touring team, thanks largely to their speedy three quarters, who made few mistakes when handling the slippery ball, destroyed their 11 points to seven victory over France here today. All the scoring came in the first half.

The French forwards generally had the better of the scrumages but their backs barely got going and when they did the Kiwis tackled the New Zealanders prevented their becoming dangerous.—Reuter.

Rome, Dec. 29. President Enrico de Nicola signed the Constitution of the Italian Republic today. The charter becomes effective on Jan. 1.—Associated Press.

A Royal Romance



King Michael of Rumania is seen bidding farewell to Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma (left) when she departed from Lausanne Station, Switzerland, on Dec. 18 for Denmark. At right is Queen Mother Helen of Rumania. The King's uncle, Prince Nicolas, said that he believed the Rumanian Government are delaying formal announcement of their approval of the engagement. He described the romance as "love at first sight." (APhoto).

FANLING GOLF

Xmas Play Should Sting Handicappers

The Xmas golf competitions at Fanling saw a promising response and several of the scores, albeit from the front tees indicated that the handicapping committee will soon be stung into retaliation.

Once again, opportunity is taken to apply. Any breach of rule remains unmentioned that competition cards may be taken out only in singles play and not in four balls. Any card in the latter category will not be recognised but still cost the owner one dollar!

While this mood is with us, it is hoped that the player whose caddy ploughed through a bunker, and then himself followed suit and ploughed up the fair, one day finds his ball in just such a scrape as he left.

Within the last few weeks there have been one or two cases, in four ball matches, of a player's ball striking an opponent's ball on the green. Whereupon, much scratching of heads—what penalty, if any? General Rule (2) for Four-Ball Matches says "If a player's ball moves any other ball in the match, the moved ball must be replaced as near as possible to the spot where it lay, without penalty."

Difference

It is obvious therefore, that a player cannot "knock his opponent in," this being a main difference from singles match play but as in singles match play no penalty is incurred by a player's ball hitting an opponent's ball. When a player's ball strikes or is moved by an opponent or an opponent's caddy or club, the opponent's side shall lose the hole.

When a player's ball (the ball being one of side) strike or be stopped by himself or his partner or either of their caddies or clubs, only that player shall be disqualified for that hole.

Huge Competitions appear to be the most popular form of competition at Fanling and it may be just as well, when talking of rules, to remind players that as a Bogey Competition is a form of stroke competition, the Rules for Stroke Competition apply.

As from Jan. 1/4, the first complete week-end in each month will again be devoted to qualifying rounds for the match play for the Captain's Cup. With no entrance fee payable, this was always a popular week-end and it looks as if this popularity will be maintained. Each member is entitled to one card over either the old or New Course and play is under stroke play with the best net score on each course qualifying for the match play stage which commences at the end of the year.

Xmas Bogey Pool—Winners, equal, J. S. Dunnett (15) & G.G.D. Carter (Ser) 1 up. There were 100 entries.

Medal Pool—Winner W. A. Nicholas 91-20-71. Other Scores, S.S. Gordon 84-12-72 G.G.D. Carter Ser. 73 H.W.E. Heath 87-13-74. There were 42 entries.

Captain's Cup—Quarter Finals W.G. Robertson beat M.B. Tighe 5-4, B.J. Morahan beat F.D. Hunter 2-1 Semi-Finals—to be played by Jan. 4: W.G. Robertson v N.A. Brown E.T. McMullen v B.J. Morahan.

Paris, Dec. 28. The police used tear gas to disperse a crowd of about 10,000 Communist demonstrators trying to break into the law courts in the town of Dax in south-western France.

The incident followed a meeting held last night by the General Confederation of Agricultural Workers to protest against charges against several of their members for alleged defamatory statements about the President of the Dax law court.

After the meeting, demonstrators marched to the law court and tried to force an entry but were driven back by the police who arrested two people.

Two demonstrators were reported to have been injured. Last night the Assembly passed by a show of hands the first part

SOFTBALL NEEDS A HEAD FOR FIGURES

Batting Averages Tell A Story

(By "Grandstand")
Followers of Softball have realised long ago that this is a highly mathematical game and after years of observation and analysis, certain conclusions are reached.

A study of the batting averages will show whether a batter is better than average or not, and while one who is batting .300 is considered dangerous, anyone with a .500 mark is definitely to be passed up whenever there are runners on bases. One such golden rule, usually termed playing average ball, is that whenever there are two away and runners on second and third bases, it is advisable to give him—or her—an intentional pass to protect the lead, and play for the force-out at the nearest base.

Whether or not Wahoo hurler Terry Noronha should or should not, have walked Wildcat Effe Babida currently batting .500 in the clean-up slot for the Untamed Felines, in a similar set-up last Sunday, might have been academical, but in any case Terry provided fuel for the hot-stove league as she completely disregarded this rule, despite her manager's advice, and decided to pitch to Babida, who, as we all know now blasted out a hit that scored the winning run which cost her the game. It was bitter, but it was a lesson learnt.

Howling

It was Doc Molten's Wildcats' night to howl as the defeated Wahoo Tribe trekked back to their wigwam. It would not have been right otherwise, for Lefty Dolly Brown on the slab for the victors turned in a superb performance handcuffing ten Owls who strode up to the platter and back again after they had swung futilely at Dolly's speedy offerings. Dolly issued four passes to first base while Terry Noronha for the losers whiffed five and walked one. Dolly yielded six five scattered hits while Terry who had pitched a one-hitter for five frames was nicked for a total of nine blows—the sixth and seventh innings being four-hit uprisings.

Big guns of the fracas were Wildcats Effe Babida and Wahoo first-sacker Hilda Soares, both of whom connected safely in three times at bat, while longest hits were two-baggers registered by Wildcat left gardener Thelma Watson and Owl receiver Patsy Ribeiro. Brilliant fielding was displayed by both sides, the Untamed Felines committing only four misuses while only two bases were stolen off the Wahoos as peppery hind-anter Patsy Ribeiro with her bullet poga to second base always found starry short-stop Irene Castilho there to nail runners with incandescent intentions.

From the out-set it was any body's game. Both sides were blanked in the first canto, the Wildcats leaving two runners stranded on the base-paths. In the next canto the Wildcat went down in 1-2-3 order while the Wahoos bunched up three singles to dent the rubber twice. The Untamed Felines broke into the scoring column in the next inning as Rosie Oliveira came home standing up via a bungle, a passed ball and Dolly Brown's gus replied with two more in the fourth on erratic Wildcat fielding, three of their total of four errors being made in this frame. The sixth inning saw the Wildcats chalk two runs to trail behind 4-3.

Last Turn

In the Wildcats' last turn with the stick, key-stone Terry Silva singled and stood on first base with the tying run but the threat was soon smothered as Rosie Oliveira hit into a double-play with Elva Lee scooping up her grounder and tossed Terry Silva out at second base. The Owls replied with two more in the fourth on erratic Wildcat fielding, three of their total of four errors being made in this frame. The sixth inning saw the Wildcats chalk two runs to trail behind 4-3.

SCORES

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Wahoos	32	0	0	21	8	7

Score by Innings

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Snow, Gale And Sunlight In Britain

London, Dec. 29. Snow and gales swept northern Britain overnight as a very cold northwest air stream covered the country.

In the Midlands early today snow fell faster than at any time since the blizzard of last February and blanketed the whole landscape in a few minutes.

It also snowed in Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire and Scotland and further snow and very cold weather were forecast by the Air Ministry.

London by contrast basked in brilliant sunshine this morning.—Reuter.

Victor Emmanuel Dead

Alexandria, Dec. 28. Ex-King Victor Emmanuel of Italy died today from a heart attack and congestion of the lungs.

His death occurred at his villa in a suburb of Alexandria. The ex-King had been ill for the past two weeks and had been confined to bed since Christmas Day.

An urgent telegram was sent to his son, ex-Crown Prince Umberto, in Portugal this morning as the ex-King's life neared its end.

The date of the funeral has not been fixed.

Since their arrival in June 1946, the ex-King and Queen have lived a quiet life in a suburban villa here. He frequently visited the nearby homes of his daughters, Countess Calvo and ex-Queen Giovanna and her two children, 10-year-old ex-King Simeon of Bulgaria and Princess Maria Louise.

Last summer, King Farouk of Egypt brought about a reconciliation between ex-King Emmanuel and ex-King Zog of Albania.

King Farouk has ordered seven days court mourning beginning today. He also ordered the Governor of Alexandria to convey his condolences to the former Italian Royal family.—Reuter.

FRENCH RUGBY

Marseilles, Dec. 28. The French National "B" Rugby Union side defeated a British Combined Services XV here today by 37 points to 7 after leading 7-4 at halftime.

The French owed their victory chiefly to their better team work and speedier passing, but the British forwards were superior in the set scrums.—Reuter.

Tojo Sets Out To Be A Samurai

Osaka, Dec. 29. In a 50,000 word deposition which his counsel continued reading today before the International War Crimes Tribunal, has struck the "last great blow" for the militaristic Japan he once led, according to the Tokyo Times.

The crowds flocked to the War Ministry Building today as General Tojo's counsel read the statement in which the former premier accused the Allies of "flagrantly" forcing Japan into the war.

Tokyo newspapers over the weekend devoted nearly their entire front pages to the affidavit which Allied authorities in Japan described as "The most ultranationalistic and militaristic propaganda attempted since the end of the war."

The Tokyo Times called it "a historic testimony" and said that the general opinion was that General Tojo, who can have few doubts of his ultimate fate, has struck the "last great blow" for the militaristic Japan he once led.

The Democratic Yomiuri Shimbun commented that "even the self important military clique of high ranking officers are not alien to our blood" and asked what was the psychological reason for fighting a hopeless war with no prospect of peace.

The answer, the paper said, was that the Japanese must sternly criticize themselves for the conduct in which they could not distinguish right from wrong.

The Asahi said that Tojo's affidavit had betrayed the unreasonableness of Japan's politics in the past, but that as a result of peace, the country had emerged as a free, democratic nation.

General Tojo, who was arrested by the Allies after attempting suicide in September, 1945, denied neither the responsibility for the war decision nor the ensuing acts which he took the stand last Friday before the tribunal.

In the signed deposition, he made no attempt to prove his own innocence and accepted administrative responsibility for the Japanese treatment of war prisoners during the building of the notorious Burma-Siam railway.—Reuter.